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Amir arrives in Africa; tax, investment pact signed in Paris

CONAKRY, Sept 27, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed arrived here from France this afternoon on the first leg of an African tour that also covers Mali and Niger.

The Amir was received upon arrival by President of Guinea Lansana Conte, senior officials, Kuwait's non-resident ambassador to Guinea, Arab and foreign diplomats.

The Amir holds another meeting tomorrow with President Conte, which will be preceded

by a ministerial meeting between Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Ossami, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashed, Finance Minister Jassim Al Khorafi and their Guinean counterparts.

Talks, Kuna learnt, will focus on boosting bilateral economic and cultural relations.

Kuwait has extended to Guinea, through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic

Development, aid exceeding eight million dinars (about \$27 million) in support of development programmes.

The Amir will pay a visit to King Faisal Mosque in the capital Conakry, and a dinner banquet will be given in his honour by President Conte.

France and Kuwait signed this morning two separate agreements, one dealing with the

double-taxation system and the other to mutually encourage and protect investments.

A communiqué released in Paris by the Economy and Finance Ministry indicated that the accords were signed by the Kuwaiti Minister of Finance, Jassim Al Khorafi, and the French junior minister in charge of the budget, Michel Charasse.

The first agreement, it said, is an additional

clause to the taxes to be collected on French investments in Kuwait and Kuwaiti investments in France.

The second accord, it went on, gives a number of guarantees both to French and Kuwaiti investors so that they benefit from the same favourable conditions granted to local investors.

KHASHOGGI



Khashoggi (left) welcoming Jarallah at his suite in Olympic Towers, New York.

The man—the moment

ADNAN Khashoggi, the financial magnate, and presently embroiled in judicial proceedings, gave an exclusive interview to Arab Times recently in New York.

Speaking to Ahmed Al Jarallah, Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times in his opulent rooftop quarters situated in the Olympic Towers skyscraper, Khashoggi, not one given to explaining or giving insights into his private life, said that in the past his annual income had been in the vicinity of \$380 million—from which he said that even though he did live a luxuriant life he never spent more than a quarter of his income. However, he said rumours of fortunes being squandered by him were rife, adding that: "The penny of Khashoggi rings loud—because I am Khashoggi."

Moving on to the scenario of his being arrested and lodged in a Swiss jail, "the modern-day entrepreneurial genius" said that it stemmed from allegations related to so-called financial improprieties committed by him. He said that he had come to New York in

a firm bid to clear his name and commented that he firmly believed that he would be acquitted due to the high-level of judicial acumen of the American courts. This was borne out, he said, when one realises the original charges against him have now been trimmed to only three. In his own words, he narrated his "first-hand" experience of what it is like for someone accustomed to indulging "every whim of the super-rich" to come face-to-face with the realities of a prison cell and prison life. See Page 9

26 die in copter crash

5 killed in US

KABUL, Sept 27, (Agencies): An Afghan government Mi-8 helicopter transport carrier carrying civilians, including women and children, crashed and burned north of the capital on Monday.

Hospital sources in Kabul said today 26 people were killed in the crash, including soldiers.

The helicopter may have been carrying a West German television crew on its way to Kabul from the Baghman Air Force base, 50 km (30 miles) north of the capital, when it crashed, "because of technical reasons," government spokesman Mohammad Aman said.

At least 27 rockets hit near Kabul

airport, and around a government grain silo in the capital today in an upsurge of fighting against the Soviet-backed government.

Witnesses said 16 rockets landed around Kabul airport in the morning, temporarily disrupting flight.

In Tucson, Arizona, a twin-engine plane with 19 people aboard crashed on landing at the Grand Canyon airport today killing five and seriously injuring 14, authorities said.

US Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Ely Brekke said the plane hit trees, flipped over and crashed at 9:49 am (1549 GMT) after veering on its landing approach.

Drug barons target Bush

Kidnap threat on children

NEW YORK, Sept 27, (AP): Colombian drug lords have threatened to kidnap one of President George Bush's five children or senior American officials if the US and Colombian governments do not grant them amnesty, a newspaper reported today.

Unidentified intelligence sources told New York Newsday newspaper they believe Bush's 30-year-old daughter, Dorothy Leblond, is most vulnerable to an attack. The sources declined to elaborate, the newspaper said.

In addition to Leblond, a businesswoman in Portland, Maine, the Bushes have four children:

George, John, Neil and Marvin.

Increased surveillance of the children had been reported previously but word of a possible kidnapping was new, the newspaper said.

Richard Abrams, a secret service spokesman, would neither confirm nor deny that protection for the Bush family was increased.

"Security is always tight, as you know," Abrams said.

Initially the Bush children had resisted extra security but all finally agreed to an increased secret service presence, the newspaper said.

Philipine police break up violent Quayle protest—Page 5

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Aoun
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to join
talks

No promises on oil accord

Kuwait voices reservations

GENEVA, Sept 27, (Agencies): Opec ministers today struck a deal to boost their production ceiling a modest amount in the final months of the year, but two members indicated they would not go along.

Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwan Lukman, President of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the countries would not lift their supply cap by a million barrels a day to 20.5 million barrels.

Algeria declared the move illegal and Kuwait, who has been openly exceeding its production limit, said it had made no commitments.

The head of the Algerian delegation, who demanded anonymity, said, "it is something that Algeria doesn't associate itself with."

"It is a decision that is illegal," he said immediately after the ministers' final round of talks at a luxury Geneva hotel.

"As far as we can see, it has kind of poor thinking behind it," he said.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said his country would continue not to recognise any restrictions on its output. He said Kuwait had made "no commitments either legal or moral to hold down production."

The disarray came in the fifth day of talks held to try to come up with an acceptable production strategy in the final quarter of the year.

Forty of the deputies are Christians although several are Syrians, living in Syrian-held West Beirut, or live abroad.

"We are going with a unified stand and the discussions will take place in Taif (Saudi Arabia)," deputy Pierre Daccache told reporters.

Christian political sources said Christian deputies will insist that a timetable be set for the pullout from Lebanon of Syria's 33,000 troops before any talk of reforms granting Muslims more say in the Christian-dominated political system.

Aoun said he had been forced to accept the seven-point peace plan last Friday. Asked if it was doomed to failure, Aoun said: "it is blocked."

He said the plan was deadlocked after a statement by Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam that no Syrian troops would leave before political reforms.

Aoun was speaking to reporters before talks with the Lebanese Christian parliamentarians about the reconciliation meeting seen as crucial under the Arab League plan.

In Sanaa, the leaders of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen ended a summit of their new economic bloc yesterday with a call for the withdrawal of all foreign forces and end to foreign interference in Lebanon.

The low-profile political declaration gave Syria only a gentle nudge over its military presence there, avoiding singling out by name the 33,000 Syrian troops in the country.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted today as saying Syria had no right to keep its forces in Lebanon.

A official source said today that the Arab tripartite committee has acquired "a semi-pledge" from the United States to try to convince Israel to withdraw from the south of Lebanon.

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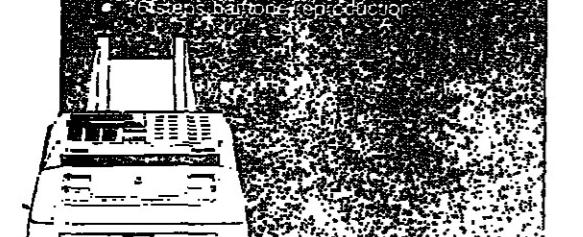


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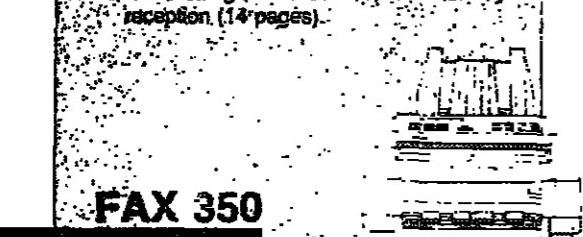
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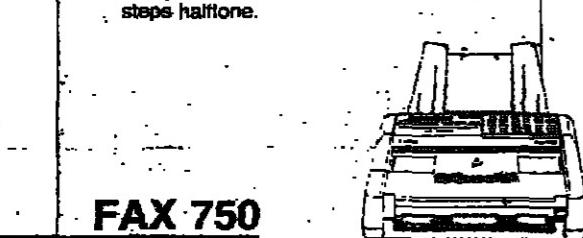
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Gene defects in lung cancer could aid diagnosis

NEW YORK, Sept 27. (AP): Researchers have identified abnormalities in an anti-cancer gene linked to lung cancer, raising the possibility of early diagnosis and better treatment for the 150,000 people who get lung cancer each year.

During the last several years, researchers have found indirect evidence that defects in at least six genes can contribute to the formation of lung cancer.

A new study has pinpointed precise chemical changes that should be useful for identifying people at high risk of getting lung cancer, or for predicting how deadly a particular case of lung cancer will be.

The findings were reported by Dr John Minna of the National Cancer Institute-Navy Medical Oncology Branch in Bethesda, Maryland.

"One thing you could do would be to take people's tumours, see how many (genetic) lesions they have, and determine how virulent they are," Minna said yesterday in a telephone interview from Toronto, where he presented his findings at the Bristol-Myers cancer research symposium.

The identification of the genetic lesions could lead to better decisions of treatment, he said.

Minna also said screening for genetic abnormalities in people who don't have lung cancer could reveal those who are about to get cancer — that is, people who have some, but not all, of the genetic changes needed to produce a tumour. Such people could be followed closely for the appearance of tumours, he said.

Minna said there may be as many as 10 or 20 genetic abnormalities that can act together to convert normal lung tissue into tumours.

Most of the evidence of the six abnormalities already found consists of studies with genetic "signposts" called

restriction fragment polymorphisms, or RFLPs. These studies show the approximate location of abnormalities on chromosomes, but do not reveal precisely what the abnormalities are.

Minna's latest findings are a catalogue of abnormalities found in a gene called P53 on chromosome 17, based on the examination of a large number of cancer tumours.

The P53 gene also has been found to be important in colon cancer, an uncommon bone cancer called osteogenic sarcoma and in chronic myelogenous leukemia, Minna said.

Seeing with Lankan eyes

25,000 benefitted so far

COLOMBO, Sept 27. (Reuters): Horikoshi Masao, a 60-year-old technician in a Japanese automobile factory, is one of 25,000 people in different parts of the world whose sight has been restored by corneal grafting from eyes donated in Sri Lanka.

Masao, a grandfather, came to the Indian Ocean island to join in celebrations organised by the Sri Lanka eye donation society marking the donation of the 25,000th eye.

The society's president, eye surgeon Dr Hudson Silva, said Sri Lanka was the only country in the world which sends corneas to other nations to cure blindness.

Silva, who started the scheme, said the eyes were given to 57 countries over the past 25 years.

Donations

"Our eyes have gone to so many countries to illuminate the world," said Silva.

The eye donation society has a list of more than 550,000 people, mostly Buddhists, who have signed forms offering their corneas for grafting after death.

Among them are Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, cabinet ministers and other leading politicians.

"The response was dramatic. Some were even prepared to give one eye while they were still alive," said Silva.

Premadasa, who was the chief guest at celebrations to mark the event, said that at Silva's request he had carried eyes to several countries on his official tours as prime minister before he became president early this year.

"I have taken eyes to various countries and I know how much the people in those countries appreciate it," he said.

Masao's defective eyes were repaired with the corneas of a 65-year-old Sri Lankan woman named Aslin Nona three days after she died.

During his visit to the island, Masao drove to Aslin Nona's home at Heriyantuduwe in the suburbs of Colombo to see her family.

Pictures

"I am very happy to see you, I have always wanted to see all of you with these eyes," he told Aslin Nona's children and grandchildren.

Her granddaughter, Karunaseeli, 23, showed Masao pictures of Aslin Nona in the family album. "I am very happy to see her," he said.

"This is like as if our grandmother has returned home," said Tillekeratne, one of Aslin Nona's grandsons.

The eye donation society started donating eyes to local hospitals for grafting in 1961.

"Before we started this scheme, the eyes were obtained from people sent to the gallows. But, when in 1956 the government stopped executions, the flow of eyes to the hospitals dried up," he said.

Three years after the society started collecting corneas from donors who bequeathed their eyes there was an excess of eyes over the number required by the local hospitals, he said.

Full moon

"We then started donating the excess eyes to foreign countries. The first batch of six eyes was sent to Singapore on the full moon day of the month of May, 1964," Silva said.

He said giving the eyes of full moon day was significant because the day is sacred to Buddhists, who form 70 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

"Buddhists believe that the donation of eyes is a meritorious deed," he said.

The eyes have been sent to countries as far away as Brazil in the west and Japan in the east.

Medical File

Test tube fertilisations: Dutch researchers believe they have found a way to more than double the success rate for in-vitro fertilisation by giving women hormones intravenously using a new technique.

The technique consists of introducing hormones at short intervals over 14 days, before the eggs are removed for fertilisation, Frederika Prak said on Tuesday.

Prak has been researching in-vitro fertilisation with a team based in the southern Dutch city of Tilburg.

"We believe the technique could increase the chances of successful fertilisation by between two and three times," she said.

In-vitro fertilisation procedure has until now been to inject the ovaries stimulating hormones once a day over a 14-day period.

The new method administers them in pulses every 90 minutes through a tube in the arm connected to a small pump worn around the waist, Prak said.

In a pilot study involving 40 patients, around half became pregnant. The technique is to be examined more closely in a joint project with the University of Nijmegen, (Reuter)

Paediatrics programme: A new paediatrics residency programme is teaching US doctors how to treat diseases common in the Third World, where 87 per cent of the all children are born.

"It seems so blatant and absurd to me that children are dying of measles and diarrhoea in other parts of the world. I just want to balance things out a little," said Dr Paula Brinkley, who is in the programme.

"Mothers in underdeveloped countries cry when their children die just like they do here," she said.

Case Western Reserve University two months ago started a Paediatrics and International Child Health Residency Programme at Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr Jeffrey Goldhaber, director of the programme, said that to his knowledge, it is the only programme of its kind. He said that the Third World has only about 5 per cent of the world's paediatricians.

Ms Brinkley lived in Bolivia two years ago as a community health care worker, which gave her an idea of diseases peculiar to some far-flung areas, and an inkling of the cultural and geographical differences that must be considered when treating those people.

But many doctors and nurses who work with people in Southeast Asia, Afghanistan and Latin America don't have those insights, said Goldhaber.

(AP)

Drug for Aids: A common non-toxic drug can block the growth of the lethal Aids virus in test-tube experiments, increasing the prospects of slowing the disease inside the human body, researchers said on Tuesday.

Preliminary tests of the drug, N-acetylcysteine or NAC, which is used for treating chronic bronchitis and other obstructions of the lung, presents a new approach for improving Aids therapy, Stanford University scientists said.

"NAC is not a cure for Aids," said Dr Leonard Herzenberg, professor of genetics at the Stanford University School of Medicine.



Horikoshi Masao, Japanese, looks at the picture of Aslin Nona, Sri Lankan, who donated him her eyes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cholesterol role exaggerated

No need to get alarmed, say doctors

NEW YORK, Sept 27. (Reuters): After years of doctors telling people to avoid red meat, milk and eggs, a panel of medical experts says cholesterol's role in heart disease has been exaggerated and is worrying the public unnecessarily.

"There is no need to alarm the entire population about cholesterol," said Dr Elizabeth Whelan, president of the American Council on Science and Health, a non-profit group that issued a report yesterday saying the public had been misled about cholesterol.

Whelan and a panel of leading medical experts, including pioneering heart surgeon Michael Debakey, stressed that cholesterol is only one of several risk factors that contribute to heart disease. Based on medical studies, they said, cholesterol is the weakest of all risk factors.

The experts said they wanted to "restore balance"

because the role of diet on cholesterol is more complex than is generally believed.

Debakey argued that "nobody knows the specific precise agent that causes heart disease," and he warned that "cholesterol tests are notoriously inaccurate" and heart disease can occur in many patients without any risk factors.

The panel said that avoiding smoking, lowering blood pressure and reducing total calories with a nutritionally balanced diet with a variety of foods were the best ways to reduce the risk of heart disease.

The doctors said that the extreme focus on cholesterol has obscured and diminished the importance of smoking and high pressure as risk factors for heart disease.

Detecting colon cancer

TORONTO, Sept 27. (UPI): Scientists have developed a test to identify individuals who are most likely to develop a rare, inherited form of cancer of the colon and rectum, it was announced yesterday.

The test may eventually lead to ways to identify potential victims of more common forms of the cancer, allowing earlier detection and treatment, said Walter Bodner, director of research of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London.

A new blood test has been developed that can predict with 95 per cent accuracy, which people have an inherited condition called familial polyposis, he said.

"The prediction, possible before any symptoms are apparent, is made by tracking a faulty gene," Bodner said during a cancer research symposium. "Family members with normal genes can be reassured and the affected members counseled and offered preventive surgery."

Inherited familial polyposis accounts for about 1.5 percent of colorectal cancers, a disease which annually kills about 5,000 Canadians, 60,000 people in the United States and 20,000 in Britain, Bodner said.

"The test may lead to simpler tests to identify people with non-inherited genetic predisposition to the disease," Bodner said. "At least 20 per cent of non-inherited colorectal cancers have genetic damage in the same area as those with the inherited form," Bodner said.

The object of the test would be to identify early changes so that the cancer could be treated at a stage when there is an 80 per cent cure rate," Bodner said.



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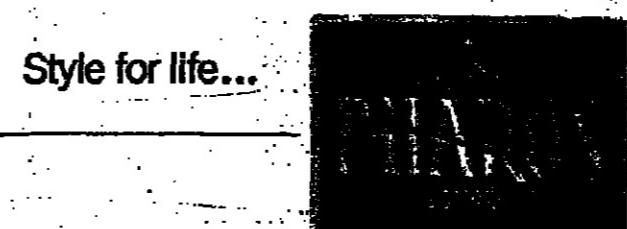
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Washington, Pennsylvania: Magazine publisher Melvin Forbes is well known for his hot-air balloons and extravagant, expensive parties, but he also can be happy eating meatballs after a ride with fellow motorcyclists.

Forbes, 70, riding a brown-and-red Harley-Davidson, joined about 1,000 motorcycleists for the 52-mile (84-kilometre) full Poker run through the countryside.

"Oh, it was neat [fun]," Forbes said. "It was just a relaxed pleasure ride."

Forbes rode with a 17-member entourage of employees and friends, nicknamed the Capitalist Tools, who flew to Pittsburgh aboard Forbes' private jet.

Klein Gallagher, who works for Forbes, said the publisher has been using the jet for Sunday "air strikes" to motorcycle events across the country.

LONDON: Medals and memorabilia belonging to Olympic hero Harold Abrahams, whose story was told in the film "Chariots of Fire," will be sold at auction Nov. 21.

The gold medal Abrahams won for the 100-metre race in the 1924 Paris Olympics will not be among the items sold, as it was stolen from his home some 50 years after his victory.

Christie's auctioneers said that heirs of Abrahams, who died in 1978, had put up for sale some of 30 medals, the stopwatches he used during training and his CBE, the commander of the British Empire Award bestowed by Queen Elizabeth in 1957.

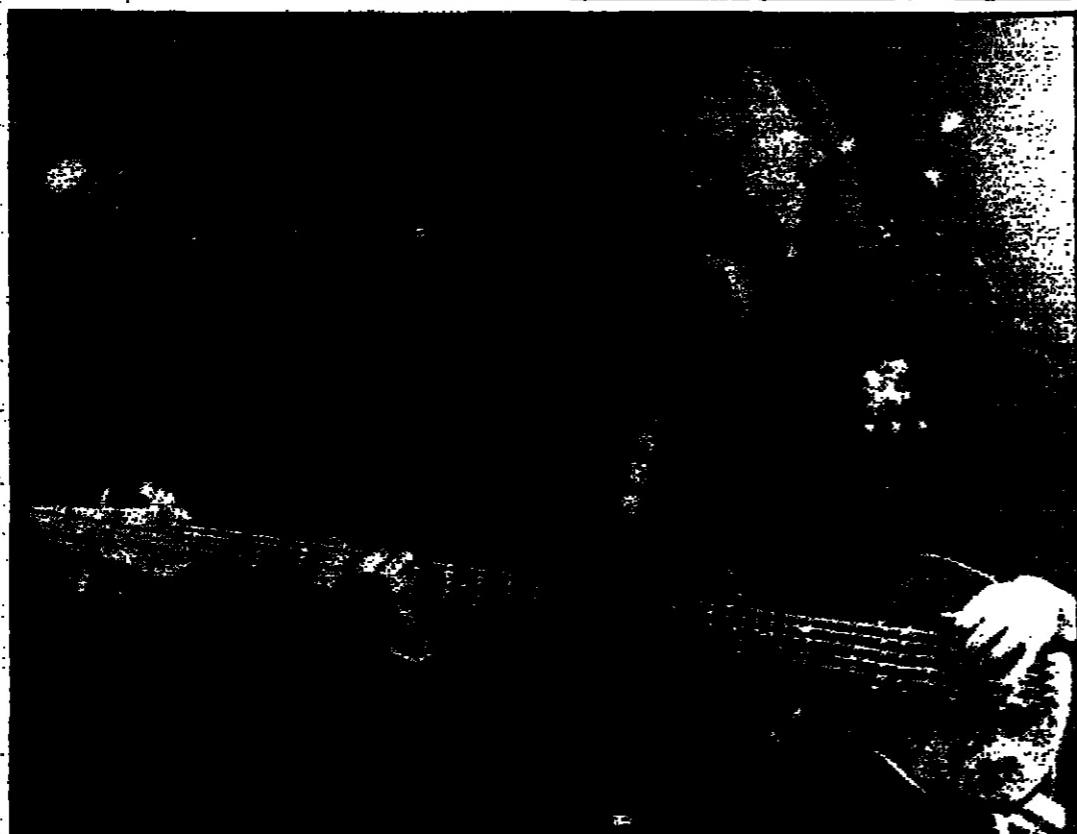
Several menus are among a quantity of documents being sold, including one for a dinner held in honour of the Olympic athletes at the House of Commons in 1924. It is covered with signatures of athletes including Abrahams and Eric Liddell, the Scottish runner who refused to compete on Sundays and was featured in the 1981 film.

Also for sale will be a leaflet from the service of thanksgiving for Abrahams in 1978 at the Church of St. Bride's, Fleet Street. (AP)

HOUSTON: The Duchess of York will visit Houston in November to celebrate the 400th anniversary of opera in Great Britain with the Houston Grand Opera.

The duchess, popularly known as Fergie, will arrive Nov. 30 for four days of appearances, including the Houston grand opera's British opera festival, as well as possible outings to a drug awareness programme and a high school arts centre.

The duchess, who will be about five months pregnant at the time of the visit, will not be joined by her husband, Prince Andrew, or their daughter, Beatrice, organisers said. She plans to stay with socialite Lynn Wyatt. (AP)



McCartney sings at the concert in Oslo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ex-Beatle delights Oslo fans

McCartney begins tour

DRAMMEN, Norway: Sept. 27. (Reuters) - British rock star Paul McCartney started his first world tour at a 13-year-old dusting of Beatles classics in a community hall.

Relaxed and joking, McCartney and his five-strong backing band — which included his wife Linda on keyboards — played for more than two hours in the town of Drammen, west of Oslo.

The 6,000-seat-out crowd, from teenagers to people old enough to remember the Beatles' first hits in the early 1960s, sang along at every opportunity.

"This is one we wrote in the car on the way here,"

McCartney said as he played the opening chords to the Beatles' 'Got to Get You Into My Life.'

Of 27 songs, 13 were from his career since the Beatles broke up in 1970 and several were from his new album, 'Flowers In The Dirt.'

The rest were tunes that have become pop classics and helped make McCartney a superstar, such as

organisers of Saturday's event.

"Most people do not even know who she is, but she was an example of courage and leadership," said Joseph Berg, president of the Fleisch Historical Society.

Several hundred people gathered at the local library to trade stories about Ms Woodhull and buy and sell T-shirts, caps, plates, bells, postcards and other souvenirs.

Ms Woodhull was the candidate of the Equal Rights Party in 1872, receiving only a few thousand votes.

One of her election opponents was then-President Ulysses S. Grant, who was re-elected.

"Victoria was a person who believed that blacks and women were people, just like the constitution said they were," Berg said. (AP)

HOMER, Ohio: Several hundred people turned out for "Victoria Day," honouring the first woman to run for US president, nearly 50 years before women won the right to vote in America.

Victoria Claflin Woodhull, born Sept. 23, 1938, also reportedly was the first woman stockbroker on Wall Street and the first woman to speak before Congress, said

organisers of Saturday's event.

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Plants: cure for indoor air pollution

WASHINGTON: Sept. 27. (UPI) — Common household plants may provide an antidote to "sick building syndrome" — high levels of indoor air pollution — and could be a vital life support system for people in space, NASA scientists said yesterday.

In a two-year study partially funded by landscaping industry groups, National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists found that common house and office plants such as philodendron, spider plants and golden pothos can help filter out harmful air pollutants.

In particular, the scientists said plants can reduce indoor air pollution significantly if activated carbon filters are placed in potting soil. The filters absorb pollutants, which then are utilized as a food source by plant roots.

"Low-light-requiring houseplants, along with activated carbon plant filters, have demonstrated the potential for improving indoor air quality by removing trace organic pollutants from the air," said the report by B.C. Wolverton, a senior researcher at NASA's John C. Stennis space centre in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

"This plant system is one of the most promising means of alleviating the sick building syndrome associated with many new, energy-efficient buildings," the report said.

According to the study, even greater pollution reduction was achieved when a small fan was used in combination with carbon filters to speed the flow of air past the plant's roots, which appear to play the biggest role in filtering out contaminants. The fan is not near the plant to increase overall air flow.

In addition to providing a possible solution for sick building syndrome, the scientists said air-cleaning systems using plants, carbon filters and fans could be a vital life support system for NASA's planned space station or other space missions where humans live in sealed capsules for a long time.

The research tested the ability of 12 different plants to reduce levels of three toxic chemicals commonly found in buildings — benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene. All the plants, to varying degrees, reduced pollution levels in sealed chambers injected with known amounts of each chemical.

However, the scientists acknowledged they were not able to pinpoint the biological mechanism by which plants reduced pollutant levels. Furthermore, they said some tests indicated potting soil alone was more effective in reducing pollution than pots with plants in them.

Still, when leaves were removed from the base of plants — improving air flow to soil and roots — plants proved more effective than potting soil alone.



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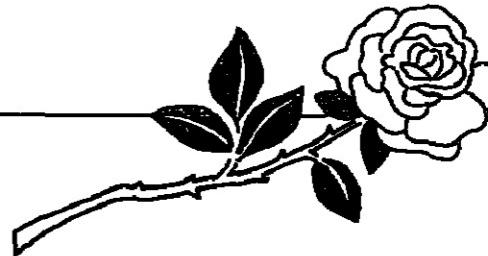
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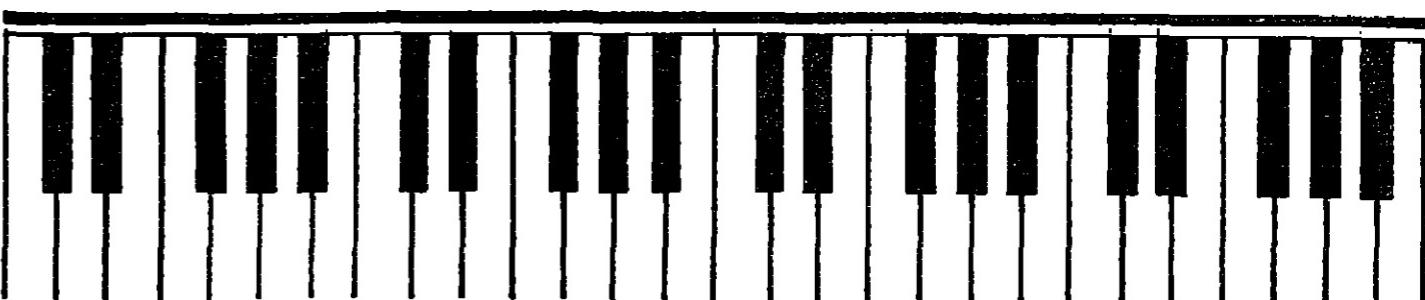
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World Roundup

Soares' son hurt: The son of Portuguese President Mario Soares was seriously injured in a plane crash in rebel-held southern Angola on Tuesday and has been hospitalised in Pretoria, South Africa's Foreign Minister said on Wednesday.

Four other people aboard the twin-engine plane, including two Portuguese members of parliament, a West German and the pilot, also have been hospitalised in the capital, the announcement said.

Joao Soares, himself a Socialist member of the Portuguese Parliament, and the others crashed shortly after takeoff on Tuesday evening from the headquarters of Jonas Savimbi's US-backed Unita guerrillas where they had attended a Unita congress.

South African Foreign Minister R. F. "Pik" Botha said in a statement an aircraft chartered by Unita airlifted the five men from the Jamba bush base to Pretoria early Wednesday, following consultations between Pretoria and Lisbon.

According to the Portuguese news agency Lusa, Soares suffered cranial trauma, fractured limbs and a fractured jaw. Botha said Soares was in "serious condition" and that the President's wife, Olympia, was flying to South Africa. (AP)

\$400 a year on alcohol: Every Briton aged 15 or over spends more than \$400 a year on alcohol, a total of £18.7 billion in 1988, it was disclosed in London on Wednesday.

This is more than the total for motor vehicles (£18.1 billion), clothes (£16.5 billion) or household goods (£12.7 billion), according to the report from the Economist intelligence unit.

Meanwhile, the specialised publication, which is part of the Economist magazine, said that spirits merchants have nearly tripled their total UK business. (Kuna)

Affected by divorce: Children whose parents are being divorced are more likely to be aggressive at school and may start to develop peculiar habits, it was reported in London on Wednesday.

About 2,800 children a week are affected by divorce in the UK, said the National Marriage Guidance Council in its annual report.

While parents argue over money and custody, their children's suffering is frequently ignored.

"The children suffer a lot of pain and damage. Their lives are never the same again. They suddenly have to change from living with both parents to living with one," the study, which was given prominence by the British media, pointed out. (Kuna)

Wait three years: Foreigners who marry Swiss nationals are no longer entitled to the Swiss citizenship immediately — such entitlement occurs only after three years of marriage and five years of residence in the country, a Swiss daily reported.

For partners of Swiss nationals not residing in Switzerland, the law stipulates entitlement after five years of marriage.

The Tribune de Geneve, reporting on the decision of the national council, said that the decision was taken by 76 votes to four.

For ordinary naturalisation the regular criteria still applies: A foreigner can apply for Swiss nationality only after 12 years of residence in Switzerland, except those who entered the country between the age of 10 and 20 — in which case each year counts as two. (Kuna)

10 die in IRA bombing: All 10 military bandmen killed in an Irish Republican Army bombing at the Royal Marines School of Music died from blast injuries, a pathologist said Tuesday.

Seven of the men were changing into their uniforms in a recreation centre and two others were in an adjoining workshop when the bomb exploded on Friday at the barracks in the south-east England town of Deal, said East Kent coroner Richard Sturt. (AP)

Leak scandal hits security: Northern Ireland's security forces were hit by another intelligence leak scandal on Wednesday when a former British soldier sent a newspaper details of 50 Irish Republican Army (IRA) agents.

"I was a serving soldier in Northern Ireland. I just thought I would let you see how easy it is to obtain these photographs. I only kept them as a souvenir," he told the Daily Record, the newspaper in an anonymous note sent with the list.

The names of more than 200 IRA suspects may now have been leaked by rogue British soldiers and policemen to Protestant killer gangs in a widening security scandal that has angered the Irish government and embarrassed Britain. (Reuters)

Papal primacy row: Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie begins his first official visit to the Vatican on Friday already embroiled in a row at home over his support for papal authority in a reunited church.

Runcie, spiritual head of the world's 70 million Anglicans, is expected to discuss unity with the Roman Catholic church during talks with Pope John Paul II during his four-day visit.

He provoked anger among conservative churchmen earlier this month when he said church members were beginning to accept the idea of "the universal primacy" of the Pope.

Aides were quick to point out that Runcie was not suggesting the Pope should have direct control over the Church of England, and some church leaders said there was some support for the archbishop's position. (Reuters)

Action against drugs: Representatives of the United States, Italy and Spain, meeting in Rome to co-ordinate action against drug production and trafficking, have agreed on a programme of assistance to Peru, Colombia and Bolivia, Interior Minister Antonio Gava announced Wednesday.

Gava told a news conference the planned assistance to the three major drug-producing countries will consist mainly in training security personnel in the protection of magistrates and witnesses from attack by gangs trafficking in heroin and cocaine.

The plan also calls for a more rapid exchange of information between governments and organisations involved in the growing international campaign to curb drug production and trafficking. (UPI)

Crackdown on drug dealers: West German police on Tuesday announced the seizure of 350 kg (770 pounds) of cocaine and the arrests of six people in three countries in a crackdown on Colombian drug dealers.

Four Colombians and two West Germans were rounded up last week in the southern West German city of Stuttgart and in Britain and Switzerland in co-ordinated police raids, the federal criminal office (BKA) said.

Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble praised the crackdown, which followed the seizure in West Germany of 650 kg (1,430 pounds) of cocaine from Colombia and the arrest of the 14-man crew of a Panamanian freighter on August 22. (Reuters)

Eight arrested: French police arrested eight foreigners, including two wanted by British police, for alleged involvement in an international drug and money laundering scheme, authorities said Tuesday. (UPI)

Cut-free surgery

Mini-machine to sew tissues

LONDON, Sept. 27, (Reuters): British scientists have developed a miniature sewing machine that can be swallowed by patients and manipulated from the outside to stitch tissue together internally without surgery.

Dr Paul Swain of the London Hospital, who helped develop the instrument with scientists from University College Hospital, said today it would allow doctors to perform operations "from inside out" and lead to abdominal surgery. ***

The machine — only as big as a little finger — is mounted on a flexible tube which enters the stomach via the gullet and allows surgeons to see inside the body.

The patient is given a local anaesthetic to minimise throat discomfort as the device is swallowed but remains conscious throughout the operation.

The device, which can be used to treat bleeding ulcers, works by remote control to suck tissue into a groove and then sew it together with staples or nylon stitches.

It can also be used to attach a drug capsule inside the body when treating some types of cancer where there is a need to administer localised treatment.

Use of the new instrument is being considered by medical ethical committees and Swain said he expects to be treating the first patients in the new year.



Papa is angry

Former Greek prime minister Andreas Papandreou, the first Greek civilian leader ordered to stand trial for wrongdoing in office, is almost certain to face charges of involvement in a bank embezzlement scandal.

The Greek Parliament, which has already ordered Papandreou, 70, to stand trial on charges of widespread telephone bugging during his eight-year socialist rule, will vote on whether to charge him in connection with the bank scandal.

Papandreou vehemently denied the charges (above) and said the New Democracy Party was trying to destroy him. (Reuters wirephoto)

Death-camp experiences: Doctors studying the psychological problems of kidnap victims say they have to draw on the experiences of survivors of the Vietnam war and Nazi death camps to understand what hostages go through.

"Worldwide research into extermination camp survivors has provided an extremely interesting source of psychological and medical information," psychologist Marcelo Cesa Bianchi told Wednesday's Corriere Della Sera newspaper.

Although Italy tops the kidnapping league with at least 630 abductions since the early 1970s, doctors say no one has looked into the best way of dealing with the mental and physical after-effects on victims and their families.

Veterans honoured: Veterans of the Berlin airlift on Tuesday honoured the crews who daily flew thousands of tons of supplies to break a Soviet blockade of Germany's former capital in the late 1940s. Among the 350 people attending the ceremony were former US Navy, Army and Air Force teams who ferried food to West Berliners during the 462-day Soviet blockade that began on June 26, 1948. (AP)

Academic life in US: One in four American high school students drop out and an estimated 13 per cent of adults cannot read. Generally, too, pupils in other industrialised nations do far better than US children in math and science.

Since 1980, US spending on public education, adjusted for inflation, has risen 29 per cent. Yet there has been little if any improvement in achievement. (UPI)

Watergate tapes set for release: Forty-eight hours of tapes secretly recorded by former US President Richard Nixon will be released in April unless Nixon or others involved in the recordings object, officials said yesterday.

The new tapes are among more than 4,000 hours of recordings made on a secret White House monitoring system between 1971 and 1973, at a time when abuses of power were being committed that led to Nixon's political downfall and the jailing of many of his aides. (Reuters)

Reagan a disaster

Bush praised

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27, (AP): Former US president Jimmy Carter has kind words for President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker "for repairing the damage" he said was caused by the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

The Reagan administration was "a catastrophe in foreign policy and domestic policy, and in relation to ethics and moral standards," Carter said in an interview on Monday with the San Francisco Examiner.

Carter railed his successor's policies on Central America and the Middle East, and blamed Reagan for "trippling the national debt in just three years" at a time when "the savings and loans went down the drain. And we've got about 15 times more cocaine and crack in the country than we had nine years ago."

Police officer held in theft: A police officer responsible for impounding drugs was charged on Wednesday with stealing 20 million (Australian) dollars (\$16 million) worth of heroin, cannabis and cocaine from the Central Police Drug Registry.

Police alleged in Sydney's central local court that Michael Wallace, 36, siphoned off drugs that had been seized in police raids and then tried to resell them on the black market.

Wallace, who worked at the Federal Drug Registry, was arrested in early morning raids on his home and those of his parents and brother. (AP)

Supports Bakker: A 74-year-old woman who bought 32 of the \$1,000 lifetime partnerships at PTL said yesterday at PTL Jim Bakker's fraud trial she would gladly give the money to the ministry again.

"I was given the greatest thrill I ever had by giving that money," Marjorie Grey of Richlands said outside the courtroom.

"That money means nothing to me, and I'm not a rich person," Ms Grey said, adding that she also made a \$12,000 down payment on a condominium that was never built at PTL's Heritage US retreat and theme park complex. (AP) ***

Gabor leaves courtroom: Zsa Zsa Gabor angrily left the courtroom during testimony by two prosecution witnesses, accusing them of lying about the incident in which she slapped a policeman, and calling me "a little punk."

Gabor flirted with the judge's gag order yesterday when she told a gang of reporters and paparazzi outside court that, "both these people lie about me. I hate it when people lie about me." At another point she exclaimed, "I can't listen to any more lies. I can't go through it again." (UPI)

Reckless driver: Motorists got so fed up with a reckless driver that they took matters into their own hands, boxing in his truck and forcing him off the road, state police said.

A tractor-trailer rig was weaving in and out of traffic Monday on the Adirondack Northway near the town of Chazy, tailgating and nearly running some cars off the road, said trooper Kevin Triller.

After several miles (kilometres) of terror, five motorists — all strangers — pulled over, discussed the situation and decided to act, Triller said.

One went to summon police while the other four sped northward and caught up with the truck just south of the Canadian border. (AP)

Hugo aftermath: Nine days after Hurricane Hugo slammed into Puerto Rico, thousands of people remained without running water and health officials were concerned about the spread of disease.

In a school shelter in the town of Yabucoa in eastern Puerto Rico, health officials said a boy died Monday of meningitis and 40 hurricane victims housed in the same school were treated yesterday with antibiotics to ward off the contagious disease. (AP)

Genovese chief convicted: The third-ranking leader of the Genovese organized crime family was sentenced yesterday to 80 years in prison for ordering the death of a mob-connected businessman and plotting unsuccessfully to kill the powerful head of a rival Mafia family.

Louis "Sobby" Manna, 60, identified by authorities as the Genovese family "consigliere" and chief of the crime clan's New Jersey faction, will not be eligible for release for more than 60 years. (UPI)

B-2 tests cut short: Two B-2 stealth bomber test flights were cut short last week, once because of a renewed oil-pressure problem and once because of high winds, the Defense Department said yesterday.

A planned 5 1/2-hour flight Sept. 21 was scrubbed after three hours after indications of low oil pressure in the plane's No. 1 engine forced an emergency landing.

The bat-wing bomber is designed to pass through enemy radar virtually undetected. The accessory drive is the gear box that powers the jet's generators and controls. ***

Senate votes to shut down: The US Senate voted overwhelmingly yesterday to back a federal commission's decision to shut down 86 military bases and scale down five more as lawmakers weighed a \$288.2 billion military spending bill. (AP)

Zola stays away: South African athlete Zola Budd sent a wreath but obeyed the wishes of her murdered father Frank and did not join 200 mourners at his funeral on Wednesday.

Frank Budd, 56, who was shot dead last week in his farm house near the Orange Free State town of Bloemfontein, said in his will that he did not want Zola and her two sisters at his graveside.

However the sisters, Estelle Budd and Cara Van Der Westhuizen, were among the mourners.

Zola Budd was trained by her father in the early days of her spectacular career, but he became estranged from the rest of the family when she took British citizenship to evade anti-apartheid boycotts and take part in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

A 24-year-old man has been charged with murdering Budd, whose body was found in the remote farmhouse where he lived. (Reuters)

Queen honours Helen Suzman: Queen Elizabeth II will award South Africa's veteran liberal politician Helen Suzman with one of Britain's highest awards for her lone parliamentary campaign against apartheid discrimination.

Citing Suzman's "distinguished contribution" against apartheid and fostering relations with Britain, the Foreign Office said the Queen would appoint her Dame Commander of British Empire at a special ceremony in London Oct. 31.

Mrs Suzman has championed the cause of human rights for all the people of South Africa for more than forty years," the Foreign Office said in a statement. "Since her election to Parliament in December 1952, she has been a staunch opponent of the policy of apartheid."

In New York, British Foreign Secretary John Major, also honoured Suzman in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly. (UPI)

Peaceful protest march: Thousands of demonstrators marched on police headquarters in this eastern Cape province town on Wednesday in one of the biggest protests so far in a two-month anti-apartheid campaign.

A heavy contingent of police watched the march, organised by the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) anti-apartheid coalition, as it filed through the town centre. There were no incidents.

Reporters said that up to 40,000 people took part although police estimated put the number at 25,000.

American Bishop David Russell of Grahamstown handed in a petition at the police station calling for the release of two activists who are being detained without trial under the terms of South Africa's three-year-old state of emergency. (Reuters)

Race segregation ends: Johannesburg's City Council has voted to end all race segregation in buses, swimming pools and other urban facilities, officials said on Wednesday.

The management committee of the country's biggest city, dominated by the ruling white National Party, decided on Tuesday night to open recreational facilities immediately to black people, deputy chairman Marietta Marx said.

City bus services restricted on most routes to whites, coloured (mixed race) and Indian people, will admit blacks as soon as formal permission is granted by the city transportation board. (Reuters)

Disappearance reports denied: A controversial coloured (mixed race) South African policeman who is being investigated by his superiors after accusing his colleagues of brutality denied reports on Tuesday that he had gone into hiding.

A police spokesman said Lieutenant Gregory Rockman had not turned up for an interview



Whales swim on a wall

American painter Wyland pokes his head out from a window in the centre of his whale wall-painting which he has completed on a 30-metre, high apartment building in Nice on the French Riviera. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rockman told the South African press association. (Reuters)

Atomic energy talks: South Africa will hold exploratory talks with US, Soviet and British diplomats on joining the 1969 nuclear non-proliferation treaty, atomic energy officials said Tuesday.

The officials, attending the annual meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said South Africa, in a message last week to Director General Hans Blix, announced that Pretoria will meet the diplomats of the treaty's three depository states in December, probably in Vienna. (AP)

Manuel released: Authorities on Tuesday released Trevor Manuel, a prominent anti-apartheid activist who went on a hunger strike after he was detained without charge last month, his attorney said.

Manuel, one of the top-ranking leaders in Cape Town of the banned United Democratic Front, the country's largest anti-apartheid coalition.

INTERNATIONAL



Peace accord signed

Colombia's M-19 leftist guerrilla group signed a peace agreement with the government on Tuesday in which it made a conditional pledge to lay down its arms over the next year.

The accord was signed by M-19 leader Arlos Pizarrro and presidential adviser Jaime Pardi Rueda at the group's remote mountain headquarters in Santo Domingo in southwest Colombia.

The M-19, Colombia's best known guerrilla group, grabbed international attention with its 1985 takeover of Bogota's Palace of Justice in which about 100 people were killed.

Picture shows the rebels standing in formation in Santo Domingo. (Reuters wirephoto)

End war call Barco refuses to bow

BOGOTA, Sept 27 (AP): The leftist M-19 guerrilla movement is urging the government to end its war against the cocaine cartels, pardon drug traffickers and refuse to extradite them to the United States.

The statement by M-19 was published in a full-page advertisement yesterday in *El Tiempo*, Colombia's largest newspaper. It also urged immediate negotiations between the government and the powerful drug barons.

President Virgilio Barco, vowing never to surrender to "narco-terrorists," said authorities were closing in on the drug lords who have declared war on his government.

"The noose is tightening around the (drug) barons. I expect them to be captured soon," Barco said in a televised speech last night.

The government and the army claim the drug traffickers and an estimated 10,000 guerrillas in six leftist rebel groups work together, with the cocaine cartels providing money to the insurgents in exchange for armed protection.

In a related development yesterday, a judge dropped charges against two reputed leaders of the Medellin drug cartel, saying there wasn't enough evidence.

Hundreds of tourists also fled the city of Cartagena aboard planes, buses and trains after a bomb exploded on Monday at the Hilton Hotel, killing two people.

In the past week, 100 Americans have been arrested on the government's orders to break their heads, there have been 111 bombings, mainly in Bogota, Medellin and Cali.

The *El Tiempo* ad also called for the release of 200 political prisoners.

Emilio Escobar Gaviria and Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, reputed kingpins of the Medellin-based operation that supplies most of the cocaine in the United States.

The activities of British mercenaries training drug gangs in Colombia was one of the topics raised at a meeting yesterday between British Foreign Secretary John Major and his Colombian colleague, Julio Londoño Paredes, according to a British source.

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AIR-INDIA

Marcos propped up by pacemaker

HONOLULU, Sept 27, (AP): Former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos was fitted with an external pacemaker after suffering an erratic heartbeat, but the device was later turned off after stabilisation hospital officials said.

Marcos' heartbeat returned to normal after the device was attached on Monday night, said Eugene Tiwanak, assistant administrator of St Francis Medical Centre, where Marcos has been hospitalised since Jan 15.

Senate agrees to \$9.4b war on drugs

WASHINGTON, Sept 27: Senate negotiators have agreed to boost the "war on drugs" to \$9.4 billion, capping a week of talks with the White House and lifting a Republican blockade that stalled action on four money bills.

As part of their deal, Republicans and Democrats agreed yesterday that later this year, the Senate would consider elements of a crime-fighting package unveiled by President George Bush in June but dormant since then.

With the agreement in hand, the Senate passed two of four appropriations bills that had been stalled by Republicans for more than a week in a move to gain leverage in bargaining over the drug package.

Within an hour the Senate passed a \$14.4-billion foreign aid measure and a \$157.4-billion bill for labour, health and education programmes.

The negotiations began early last week after Democrats proposed to add \$2.2 billion to the \$7.9 billion proposed by Bush in a Sept 5 address to the nation on drugs.

They said that education, treatment and prevention programmes were undermined in the administration's battle plan for fighting the drug war.

Many elements of the President's crime-fighting package are contained in the drug strategy, but some highly controversial elements are missing and the administration has been pushing for action on them.

They include applying the death penalty to a wider range of crimes than under current law.

Another key provision would place limits on the number of appeals that could be filed by certain prisoners, and a third would ease restrictions on how police and prosecutors obtain certain kinds of evidence.

A Washington teenager has been arrested yesterday on charges of selling the crack cocaine that Bush displayed on national television to illustrate the seriousness of the drug problem.

Keith Jackson, 18, was picked up yesterday at his home in southeast Washington by city police and Drug Enforcement Administration agents, said DEA spokesman Cornelius Dougherty.

He was held without bond pending a hearing today.

In a Sept 5 televised speech, Bush held up a clear plastic bag containing a handful of crack packages and said they had been seized across the street from the White House a few days previously.

The alleged dealer was hired to Lafayette Park — not one of Washington's drug markets — four days before, by undercover drug agents after White House staffers asked for a sample from the vicinity of the White House to show that dealing could happen anywhere.

Drug-related deaths soared by 23 per cent in the last five-year period for which statistics are available, with blacks more than twice as likely as whites to be victims, the government said yesterday.

Blacks also were more likely than whites to die in 1987 from AIDS, kidney disease, diabetes and diseases associated with infancy. Homicide rates were six times higher for blacks and infant mortality was more than twice as high.

The findings were contained in the most up-to-date report on causes of death in America, "advance report of final mortality statistics, 1987," published by the National Centre for Health Statistics.

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said of the figures: "Even as the lines on almost every disease chart move toward improvement, there is a continuing disparity in the burden of death and illness experienced by blacks and other minority Americans as a whole."

The report found the average life expectancy for an American at birth reached a record high of 75.0 years in 1987, but for whites it reached a record 75.6 years while blacks saw it remain the same as in 1986, 69.4 years.

Cocaine use by 11 to 13 year olds is on the rise in the United States even though use by older teenagers is declining, according to a study made public yesterday.

Hospital spokeswoman Norma Kop said doctors decided Marcos' heart could beat normally on its own, and device was turned off yesterday. It remained at his side and could be reattached if necessary, she said.

Doctors had no plans to insert an internal pacemaker, she said.

Imelda Marcos said a biopsy on her husband's pancreas was conducted on Saturday to investigate continuing medical problems, the Honolulu Star-

Bulletin newspaper said.

Marcos, who turned 72 this month, has been in hospital since Jan 15, when he went in for treatment of lung ailments. He earlier had two week-long hospital stays in December for treatment of congestive heart failure.

The exiled leader lapsed into critical condition on May 15 and suffered massive heart, lung, and kidney failure two days later. He has undergone emergency operations several times.

Marcos' transplanted kidney — which has been his only functioning kidney — was removed on June 29 after his body began rejecting the organ. His condition was described as semi-comatose at that time.

Marcos has been in the hospital's intensive care unit, dependent on a respirator to breathe and requiring daily kidney dialysis. Doctors have said his prognosis is very poor.

Gringo asks 'evil' Aquino to resign

MANILA, Sept 27, (Reuters): A cashiered colonel who nearly toppled President Corazon Aquino two years ago now accuses her of destroying democratic institutions and establishing an invisible government within the Philippine administration.

Colonel Gregorio Honasan, on the run after escaping from custody, said Aquino had created her own power base in the military, ruined the bureaucracy by putting in her own proteges and committed the same "evils" as her predecessors.

"We are convinced that you have lost the moral and constitutional authority to govern the country, and it's time for you to step down immediately," he said in a letter addressed to the commander-in-chief and circulating in military camps in Manila today.

Aquino, who took power in a popular revolt in 1986 in which Honasan played a key role, is commander-in-chief.

Honasan said Aquino had allowed her relatives and political followers to commit graft and corruption, organise private armies and "play around" with the lives of the majority of our citizens who are wallowing in poverty."

"In short you have established an invisible government within the government," he said.

Earlier this month, Honasan, in answer to questions sent by a Manila newspaper, hinted at another coup attempt if political conditions worsened.

The August 1987 attempt was the fifth and most serious against the Aquino government. Fifty-three people were killed and at least 300 people injured in the capital.

Aquino and military leaders have said recently there was no group capable of mounting a coup and Honasan's group was capable only of lightning raids.

Talks on US bases to open in December

Quayle protesters dispersed, soldier killed

MANILA, Sept 27, (Agencies): Police used tear-gas to disperse anti-American protesters today and earlier arrested at least 155 students protesting a visit by Vice-President Dan Quayle, who won agreement from the Philippine government to open talks in December on key US bases.

Violent protests erupted in Manila and 40 miles away in the city of Angeles near Capas town, where suspected communist guerrillas ambushed and killed two American civilian employees yesterday, two hours before Quayle's arrival in the island nation.

Assassins also believed to be guerrillas shot and killed a Filipino

soldier in the capital today, the second in 24 hours, prompting Quayle to observe that the slayings probably were "timed" for his visit.

Quayle, visiting the strategically located US Clark Air Base and Subic Bay naval complex, said that, during a morning call on Philippine President Corazon Aquino, they discussed the attacks on the soldiers.

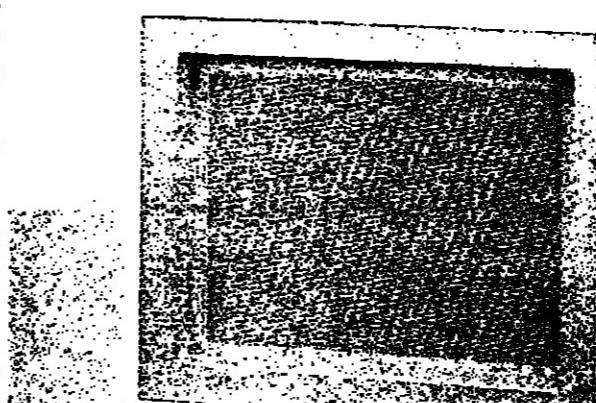
"Both of us are truly sickened by the vicious acts of terrorists who to drown freedom in the blood of innocent men and women," Quayle said in remarks to military personnel at the two bases this afternoon.



Quayle talk

US Vice-President Dan Quayle talks with Filipino war veterans who fought side-by-side with Americans during the Second World War. Quayle attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the American cemetery. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Britain worried over HK future

LONDON, Sept 27, (Agencies): Britain re-opened talks with China today on the 1997 hand-over of Hong Kong, aiming to rebuild the colony's shattered confidence after Beijing's violent suppression of pro-democracy demonstrations last June.

British and Chinese diplomats met in London for the first time since the government suspended high-level contacts with Beijing in protest at the crackdown nearly four months ago.

A government source confirmed that Britain would raise concern about the deployment of the Chinese Army in Hong Kong after the colony is returned to Beijing.

Britain is also expected to voice disquiet at provisions in the basic law, a mini-constitution under which Hong Kong will be governed after 1997, giving China discretion to impose state of emergency regulations in the colony.

But leaders of the Chinese and British delegations refused to give details ahead of news conferences scheduled for Friday when the three-day talks are completed.

"We have this morning had a full and frank exchange of views and one that for my part I have found very useful," said Robin McLaren, assistant under-secretary of state at the Foreign Office.

Ke Zai Shuo, China's ambassador to the talks, also called the discussions frank and useful.

■ Despite Hong Kong's economic quiescence in the wake of the Tiananmen Square massacre, the colony can continue to prosper under Chinese rule if it remains somewhat autonomous, according to a report issued yesterday by Sri International.

In a five-part blueprint for Hong Kong's future, the research and consulting firm said Hong Kong's continued success as an economic focal point of Asia is vital to the People's Republic of China.

For the colony to thrive after China takes over from the British in 1997, China's leaders must adopt a hands-off attitude, the report said.

■ Here are the main points made by Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Jiang Zemin and five other members of the party's top leadership during a rare news conference.

■ Jiang said the world "tragedy" does not apply to the military crackdown in June on students.

■ He refused to rule out further death sentences.

■ Jiang said senior leader Deng Xiaoping has suggested many times that he retire from the chairmanships of the state and party Central Military Commissions.

■ Jiang said his predecessors, Zhao Ziyang, ousted in June after losing a power struggle triggered by the protests, remains a party member and "still leads quite a comfortable life."

■ Jiang and his fellow party leaders said they will continue the policy of reform but that there will be "adjustments."

■ Jiang said he could not rule out the use of force to regain control of Taiwan.

■ France, rejecting protests from Beijing that it is aiding and abetting Chinese dissidents, said yesterday it had simply offered shelter to exiles on the run.

In the first official response to a series of harsh attacks from Beijing against the French government, Claude Martin, the head of the Foreign Ministry's Asia Department, said: "France, traditionally a land of asylum, offered shelter to Chinese democrats and has no reason to hinder their activities so long as they do not overstep certain limits."

■ Premier Li Peng, in a remark Western analysts say may haunt him, called Taiwan and mainland China "separate countries" yesterday in the first news conference by senior leaders since the military crackdown in June.

Newly selected Communist Party General Secretary Jiang Zemin addressed most of the questions, but Li appeared to blunder in responding to a visiting Taiwan journalist about the mainland's relations with the island province.

"As the people of the separate countries of Taiwan and China have more contact and increase mutual understanding," said Le, "progress towards unification will be achieved."

■ In San Francisco an immigration official has denied bail for two Chinese students who fled to the United States from Tokyo after they protested against the Tiananmen Square massacre, their lawyer said yesterday.



Suh denies spying charges

South Korean opposition Member of Parliament Suh Kyung-Won hands bound by ropes, enters a Seoul court, where he denied prosecution charges of spying for communist North Korea. (Reuter wirephoto)

Korean talks fail

Delegates to meet again

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Sept 27, (AP): North Korea and South Korea traded accusations today at their first Red Cross talks in four years on trying to reunite separated families, but they agreed to meet again.

Red Cross delegates from the two sides met at the Panmunjom truce village in the demilitarized zone dividing the two nations to try to work out plans for exchange visits of separated family members, entertainers and journalists.

The talks quickly bogged down when the two sides presented different plans and timetables. North Korean chief delegate Pak Young Su criticised South Korea for jailing South Korean dissidents who visited the North.

"How can we continue dialogue with your side holding in prison those who came to Pyongyang for unification talks," Pak asked.

They should be freed to facilitate our dialogue," he added, calling their punishment "a major obstacle" to all inter-Korea dialogue.

A top South Korean dissident, the Rev. Moon Ik-Kwan, and several others are facing charges of violating national security laws by visiting the communist North. They were arrested when they returned to South Korea earlier this year.

The two Koreas do not allow their citizens to visit each other without government permission. The joint border is sealed, with hundreds of thousands of heavily armed troops facing each other.

South Korean chief delegate Song Yong-Dae rejected the North Korean accusations, saying Red Cross talks "cannot be swayed or impeded by other issues having nothing to do with humanitarian projects."

"Your side is drawing political issues into humanitarian talks," he charged.

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■ Four defectors from North Korea said today the communist country had increased ideological indoctrination after thousands of foreigners were allowed to attend a youth festival in Pyongyang.

The defectors, who fled over the past several weeks, said North Korea was also stepping up its military preparedness and combat units were practising to invade South Korea.

■ Disgraced former President Chun Doo Hwan, angry at the way the government circles are handling an on-going political controversy over his alleged misdeeds, wants to tell his own story about his past rule, a published report said today.

Vietnam troops still in Cambodia

Khmer steps up propaganda

BANGKOK, Sept 27, (Reuter): A Thai official said today tens of thousands of Vietnamese troops were still in Cambodia to fight Khmer Rouge guerrillas despite Hanoi's claim that they had all left by Tuesday.

At the same time, the Khmer Rouge stepped up propaganda to persuade Cambodian government troops to abandon their positions, saying they had launched a three-pronged offensive to capture the strategic town of Pailin.

Deputy Foreign Minister Prapap Limpaphandu, touring villages along Thailand's border with Cambodia, said Vietnam had recently reinforced its positions against the guerrillas, which enjoy Bangkok's support and operate from bases in Thailand.

"Tens of thousands of Vietnamese settlers (in Cambodia) have been recruited and trained to be soldiers replacing the withdrawn troops," Prapap told reporters after being briefed by military officials during a helicopter trip along the border.

He cited as evidence military intelligence reports and heavy

Cambodian artillery barrages that he said could only have been fired by Vietnamese troops.

The Thai Foreign Ministry has adopted a hard line against Vietnam and the government left in Cambodia in contrast to Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan's more accommodating stance as part of his initiative to end the fighting.

An international conference in Paris last month failed to reach agreement on monitoring the September 21-26 withdrawal, which was observed by allied diplomats and hundreds of journalists.

The Khmer Rouge's Voice of Democratic Kampuchea said in a broadcast monitored in Bangkok its forces had recently made three attacks in the battle for Pailin, a well dug-in military outpost in wooded hills 10 km (six miles) from the border.

One was a direct artillery and infantry assault on the town itself, which is empty of civilians, another was aimed at cutting route 10 from Pailin to the provincial capital, Battambang, and a third moved on positions north of Pailin.

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Kaifu scraps reform plan raising doubt about ability

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Slovenia proclaims right to secede

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, Sept 27, (Agencies): The Yugoslav republic of Slovenia defied federal authorities today and declared that Slovenia had the right to secede from the country.

Parliament's three chambers adopted the change to the republic's constitution by 145 votes to one, 67 votes to none, and 44 votes to none with one abstention.

The vote deepened the political turmoil in Yugoslavia, shaken this year by ethnic Albanian riots in the southern province of Kosovo, factional rivalry in the ruling Communist Party and inflation which has zoomed to 900 percent.

Yugoslavia's federal Communist Party, the government and the armed forces had all warned Slovenia not to pass the amendments. Party leaders met throughout the night in Belgrade and declared the changes a threat to Yugoslavia's territorial integrity.

Opponents of Slovenia organised a rally of thousands of people in Titograd, capital of the

southern republic of Montenegro, at which speakers demanded the replacement of Slovenian party chief Milan Kucan and his colleagues.

At the Kosovo lead and zinc mine of Trepcia, a focal point of this year's ethnic Albanian unrest, hundreds of miners went on strike in protest at not having received their salaries for August.

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Soviets still a 'major threat'

Bush hopeful of Start treaty

WASHINGTON, Sept 27, (Agencies): In another sign of warming relations between the superpowers, US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney announced today that Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov will visit the United States next week.

Pentagon officials said Yazov would visit Washington and probably other areas of the country from Oct 1-6.

Cheney told reporters at a news conference that "promoting military-to-military exchanges are a very useful thing."

The announcement of the latest in a series of superpower military exchanges came as the US Defence Department issued a toned-down annual report on "Soviet military power," noting that major changes were afoot in the Soviet Union.



Shevardnadze enjoys his own joke during address to UN General Assembly. (Reuter wirephoto)

Soviet nod to chems plan

Bush pleased

WASHINGTON, Sept 27, (Agencies): President George Bush said yesterday he was pleased by the Soviet Union's endorsement of a plan to slash stockpiles of chemical weapons and said the two superpowers had achieved "some good common ground."

Thomas Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, called Bush's plan for US-Soviet reductions "a good first step" but said it does not answer the question of how to control chemical weapons production by other countries.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, in a United Nations speech, said Moscow will join the United States and "radically reduce or completely destroy" all its chemical weapons stockpiles.

He also challenged Bush to join the Soviet Union in stopping production of all chemical weapons, halting nuclear tests and stopping the manufacture of weapons-grade plutonium and uranium.

The theme of chemical weapons was quickly taken up in speeches of other delegations such as the French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, who said European nations were eager for a ban on the weapons.

And Japan, through its Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama, offered to lend its technological expertise to a verification process on nuclear testing as well as chemical warfare.

At the White House, Bush said, "I am very pleased with the way things are going. The reaction from the Soviets to our proposals yesterday has been positive so now the goal is to get moving and try to work out these agreements."

"But we've got some good common ground that I don't think we had before the foreign minister came here," the President said. "I know he's accurately reflecting Mr Gorbachev's view."

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Hopes to set world record

Five-year-old Sheetal Pandya, who is hoping to enter the Guinness Book of Records for skating 1,600 km from New Delhi to Bombay, accompanies her father Jagdish Pandya for a short skate. Jagdish is skating some 3,840 km around India to raise money for cancer patients. (Reuter wirephoto)

Poachers face death

GAUHATI, India, Sept 27, (Reuter): Poachers preying on elephants and rare Indian one-horned rhinoceroses have been warned to stop killing the animals or face death themselves.

Separatist gunmen of the United Liberation Front of Assam claimed responsibility for shooting a businessman in the northeastern state this month and warned they were ready to strike again to protect the animals.

Ulfa has released a hit list of 43 men it claims are involved in poaching or trading in rhino horns or elephants tusks, along with officials accused of accepting bribes to turn a blind eye.

"Poachers and smugglers who were never scared of the police will certainly stop for the time being as the Ulfa has put the fear of death in them," an Assam forestry official said.

Kissinger ordered to appear in court

CHICAGO, Sept 27, (UPI): A federal judge yesterday ordered former secretary of state Henry Kissinger to testify in the libel suit brought by former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai against Pulitzer prize-winning author Seymour Hersh.

US district Judge Charles Norgle ordered Kissinger to appear in court at 10:30 am today after attorneys for Desai submitted a motion to compel the testimony.

"If this is a motion to compel his appearance at 10:30 am, it is so ordered," Norgle said. "I'm entering this order reluctantly, but we are in mid-trial here."

Desai's attorneys served the subpoena on Kissinger last week as the former secretary of state prepared to address the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Hersh, a journalist and author, is the subject of a \$100 million libel suit filed by Desai, who contends Hersh wrongly named him as a Central Intelligence Agency informant during the 1960s and 1970s in his 1983 book, 'The Price of Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House.'

The chief American negotiator at space talks in Geneva said yesterday the United States will invite the Soviets to visit two major "Star Wars" programmes at Los Alamos.

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India's Prithvi: test fire a success

NEW DELHI, Sept 27, (UPI): An Indian-built, surface-to-surface rocket streaked away from southern Andhra Pradesh state today and splashed into the Bay of Bengal in the second successful test of the nuclear-capable missile, the Defence Ministry said.

A spokesman said military technicians fired the rocket called "Prithvi" — Hindi for earth — at 10:45 am from a test site in the coastal town of Sriharikota, 1,075 miles (1,725 km) southeast of New Delhi.

The missile followed a pre-planned trajectory accurately before impacting in the Bay of Bengal, the official said, citing a report from the defence research and development organisation, which made and launched the missile.

It was the second successful test of the pencil-shaped Prithvi, which was first fired on Feb 29, 1988 and carried a 2,200-pound (1,000 kg) payload 150 miles. The official gave no details on the range of the second test, but reports have said technicians planned to use a smaller dummy warhead to try to extend the distance of the surface-to-surface device.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said New Delhi plans to mass produce the Prithvi and would only use it as a conventional weapon.

But defence experts are sceptical of his claim because they say the Prithvi, which is close in technology to the Soviet Scud missile, is too inaccurate and expensive to be used for surgical strikes and is more suitable for bearing chemical or nuclear warheads.

India detonated a nuclear device in 1974, but maintains it will not develop a nuclear arsenal unless compelled to do so by Pakistan, its foe in three wars since 1948.

Defence experts mostly agree New Delhi does not have the bomb, but say India is slowly putting into place an infrastructure of facilities and devices such as delivery system applicable if a decision is made to go nuclear.

India's integrated guided missile development programme began in 1983, and includes plans to develop surface-to-air and anti-tank missiles, as well as medium-range ballistic device called "Agni."

Attacks mar Lanka truce

3 killed, buses set ablaze

Premadasa to monitor the ceasefire.

The armed forces and the police suspended all anti-subversive operations, initially for 24 hours, and invited the rebels to surrender.

The government said the ceasefire would be extended if there was a favourable response from the subversives, a term used to describe members of the front, accused of killing 4,000 people in a two-year anti-government campaign.

The sources said 60 rebels had surrendered up to noon today in different parts of the island.

The government also offered the rebels money if they surrendered with weapons.

An average of 30 political killings have been reported daily during the past month in the worst cycles of violence on the island.

Some of the killings were done by pro-government vigilante squads hunting the rebels. The bodies of their victims were usually burnt on heaps of tyres by the roadside or dumped in rivers.

Military sources said a ceasefire between Indian troops and Tamil separatist guerrillas in the northeast appeared to be holding with no major incidents reported since it began on Sept 20.

India has said it will try to withdraw the remaining 41,000 soldiers from the island by the end of the year.

Palestinians defy Israeli tax raids

BEIT SAHOUR, West Bank, Sept 27, (Reuters): Israeli tax officials yesterday raided the occupied West Bank town of Beit Sahour for a sixth day but residents vowed to pursue a campaign of civil disobedience and support for the Palestinian uprising.

A statement prepared jointly by Beit Sahour residents and Israeli peace activists compared Palestinian refusal to pay taxes to the occupied with American refusal to pay British rulers in the 18th century.

"Taxation without representation violates fundamental principles of self-determination and civil rights," it said.

"We don't have to pay taxes to a government who puts its hand on us," mechanic Michel Jamil Kukali said after soldiers and tax collectors stripped his house of furniture and seized his garage equipment.

Kukali said he would only pay the \$5,000 that tax authorities said he owed if uprising leaders revoked the strike call.

"If they tell me to, I pay," he said. "I am a man of Beit Sahour. I can only do what the town does."

Israeli troops have raided about 40 shops and residences in Beit Sahour and taken merchandise worth more than \$100,000, acting mayor Khalil Aheir told reporters.

"Every day, from eight until three, they

come and they take," he said.

Mayor Hanna Attarash is recovering from a recent attack by Arabs suspected of working for Israel.

A spokesman for the Israeli authority refused to comment on the value of goods taken or the extent of the raids.

"The goal is to make people pay what they have to pay in the context of the law," he said. "People got many notices that they had to pay before we did this."

Beit Sahour has been a centre of civil disobedience since the uprising against Israel's rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip erupted in December 1987. The revolt's leaders later ordered Palestinians

to refuse Israeli tax demands.

Meanwhile, in occupied Jerusalem, an Israeli group today criticised the government's policy of demolishing the homes of Palestinian suspects as "a violation of human rights and international law."

■ A radical Palestinian leader said today the PLO rejected a Middle East peace plan presented by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

■ Israel will defy the United Nations and stand firm in its policy of deporting leaders of the Palestinian uprising because its only other choice is to execute them, Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.



An Israeli officer argues with an elderly Palestinian as a worker for the Israeli tax authority removes a handful of mason's trowels from the hardware shop belonging to Bassam Tawi, as tax raids continue in West Bank. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rabbo allowed US visit

Arafat shall seek visa

TUNIS, Sept 27, (Reuters): The PLO is even more determined to seek a US visa for its chairman Yasser Arafat after a demand by US congressmen to bar him from the United States, a Palestinian leader said today.

On Tuesday 68 Senators and 44 members of the House of Representatives asked Secretary of State James Baker not to let Arafat pass through the United States on his way to address the UN General Assembly.

Salah Khalaf, Arafat's deputy in the mainstream Fatah movement, told Reuters in an interview: "We consider this a hostile position, a position which is not at all impartial, a position which shows the complete bias towards Israel."

Don't by-pass Shamir

WASHINGTON, Sept 27, (Kremlin): Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens criticised Egyptian President Mubarak, for by-passing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and seeking dialogue with leaders of the Labour Party.

Mubarak will have more success in influencing a Palestinian-Israeli dialogue on peace in the occupied territories if he drops his longstanding reluctance to meet with Shamir, said Arens in an interview with the Washington Post.

At the same time, Arens warned repeatedly that neither Mubarak nor any other leader can have any influence on the Middle East peace process if they try to by-pass Shamir's hard-line views on the future of the occupied territories and deal instead with his more flexible coalition partner, the Labour Party.

Diplomatic sources told the Post that Arens, during his meeting with President Bush on Monday, urged that the United States try to persuade Mubarak to meet with Shamir to devise a plan for dealing with the territories. The sources said Arens is expected to press this argument when he meets US Secretary of State James Baker today and in talks tentatively between Baker and Egyptian Foreign Minister Essam Abdel Meguid later in the week.

"I think if Mubarak were to sit down with Shamir and talk directly about the specific object of how we can set the stage so we can hold free and fair elections amongst the Palestinian population, there's a good chance we will reach that objective," said Arens.

Mubarak's plan has drawn a generally positive response from Labour Party leaders and is regarded within the Bush administration as a promising way to get the peace process moving.

Khalaf, better known by his nom de guerre Abu Iyad, said it was too early to say if the PLO would try to move the session again if Baker refused Arafat a visa.

"We're not saying that now. At this stage we're just saying we want to expose the attitude of the United States to world public opinion and Arab public opinion," he said.

Back PLO, US urged

ACC ratifies 16 accords

SANA'A, Sept 27, (AP): Leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and North Yemen ended a two-day summit yesterday by calling on United States to back clearly a Palestinian right to self-determination.

The Palestinian problem was in the foreground of the deliberations of Presidents Hosni Mubarak, King Hussein, President Saddam Hussein and President Ali Abdullah Saleh during the third summit of their six-month-old Arab Co-operation Council alliance.

Underscoring the interest was the unscheduled participation of Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat in the second day of the summit.

A joint communiqué summing up the deliberations expressed the ACC's "unwavering and continuous support" for the intifada, the 21-month-old uprising by the Palestinians under Israeli occupation, and for a Palestinian "full right to sovereignty and independence."

The communiqué said any decision taken by the PLO leadership toward that end would receive the backing of the

The ACC leaders also discussed the Lebanon issue and the stalled Iraq-Iran UN-sponsored plans to turn a year-old cease-fire into a lasting peace.

But the communiqué referred to the necessity of the pullout of "non-Lebanese forces" from Lebanon, while expressing support for the Arab Tripartite Committee of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria in its efforts to end the country's 14-year-old civil war.

The accords enhance cooperation in the following fields:

- Agriculture and irrigation, industry, labour, housing and construction.
- Strategies for imports and exports and expanding trade exchanges.
- Communications and transport including maritime transport.

- Culture, information, education and health.

- Crime-fighting including drug abuse and smuggling, counterfeiting and financial crimes.

- Justice and Islamic endowments.

- Financial and fiscal matters.

Step towards normal ties

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 27, (Reuters): Israel and the Soviet Union are to exchange trade offices in what an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman called a small step towards normalising diplomatic relations.

Soviet representatives in Paris yesterday initialed an agreement with the president of Israel's Chamber of Commerce, a private body, to set up trade offices in Moscow and Tel Aviv. The agreement will be formally signed in November.

Israeli officials played down the significance of the step, which follows the exchange of consular missions begun in 1987.

"It is not an agreement between the two governments," Foreign Ministry spokesman Moti Amihai said.

Moscow cut ties with Israel after the 1967 Middle East war.

Chamber of Commerce president Danny Gilerman told the Jerusalem Post that Moscow preferred to deal with non-governmental Israeli institutions because of diplomatic sensitivity.

Under President Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet Union is gradually restoring links with the Jewish state in a bid to play a peace-making role in the Middle East. The United States is Israel's closest ally.

Muslims unite, calls Khaddafi

Infighting must end

ROME, Sept 27, (Agencies): Libyan leader Col Moammar Khaddafi described Muslim against Muslim violence and said guns, bombs and extremism should only be used to fight the enemies of Islam.

The official Libyan news agency Jana, monitored in Rome, said Khaddafi told an Islamic seminar in Tripoli that infighting between Muslim factions only benefits the enemies of the faith.

Islam today gathers a "multitude of contracting movements..." said Khaddafi, "some of which we made, some the Americans made and some were made by the Mossad or the KGB."

He said the movements include a fundamentalist faction that wants to return to the basics of Islam, to resurrect the religion and keep its traditions, morals and customs.

Another faction has taken "a secret, violent, terrorist and extremist trend," said Khaddafi, speaking of groups that carry out attacks against other Muslims for reasons of power or wealth.

"If such extremism is against the enemies of Islam, then we all must be extremists and choose violence against the Israelis to liberate the holy land and Palestine ... against the Americans and against the enemies of Islam to stop them where they are."

Jana said that Khaddafi told more than 250 Muslim clerics, thinkers, activists and leaders from 48 countries, who came to Tripoli for the seminar sponsored by the World Council for Islamic Call and the Organisation of Islamic Conference, that Muslim infighting threatens the faith.

"If you were able to sacrifice, you should sacrifice on the Golan (Heights). Do not sacrifice in the streets of Damascus. If we turned Islam into a secret work and into bombs and explosives, then that means we are bombing Islam..." said Khaddafi.

He said that Muslim infighting only benefits the staunch enemies of Islam such as the Americans and Israelis. He said it hurts the religion "in front of the world by presenting it as being the bomb, the gun and the holy war," Khaddafi added.

He said that Muslim infighting is never mentioned in the Holy Quran and they were used as a ploy by the United States and others to harm and weaken Islam.

Those who refuse to take up arms against the United States, Israel and their allies are not real Muslims," he added.

He also called for the establishment of an Islamic organisation equivalent to the International Council of Churches or World Jewish Congress to help poor Muslims throughout the world.

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"We want to form the Party of God and abolish all other parties. We should announce our agreement on forming an Islamic leadership which will aim at uniting the (Islamic) nation and lead it to victory," said Khaddafi.

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Arab Times world exclusive

KHASHOGGI

The man – the moment



Ahmed Al Jarallah with Adnan Khashoggi in his Olympic ... 'Palace'.

Interview by Ahmed Al Jarallah

IF MONEY means authority and ultimate power, and it is generally believed so, nothing like what has happened and is transpiring presently would have occurred to Adnan Khashoggi, the billionaire. You have been there, incarcerated with others who have been accused of committing crimes and kept behind bars.

Your story is a real epic saga — Adnan!!

At the time when the general consensus was that money is the ultimate peace and tranquility, we witnessed armed officials raiding your luxurious rooms and jostling you around your quarters. What actually happened Adnan? When we thought that in placing yourself behind "fences piled with money" you were inaccessible to all, from behind your seemingly impregnable fences, you were arrested and lost your freedom.

With this backdrop, is it not worth our while to go to you wherever you are and listen to the other side of the story? We believe it does and with this objective, I travelled to New York to meet with you, speak with you and afford you the opportunity to provide the world different face. The face of a true human being who fears, becomes desperate, becomes sad, happy, is arrested, jailed and is brought to trial — exactly like other human beings.

In New York, the atmosphere was different. In this not common metropolis, full of buildings and human beings, running after money and happiness, the temperature was so high that I felt that I was still in Kuwait. The weather was very humid — just like in any of the Gulf states. But, I was soon relieved of this inconvenience, when I entered the high "roof" of Adnan Khashoggi. Everything in the roof was totally different, contrary to everything in New York. The atmosphere was quiet, although the place is in the heart of the din and noise of machines at work which characterises the city. The roof is in itself a different story. I imagined myself living an adventure — very difficult to forget.

The value of the roof alone is \$40 million, and the value of the articles within like furniture, carpets, paintings and others is perhaps more than that.

Roof

Khashoggi bought this double-storey roof 18 years ago and it is situated in the skyscraper Olympic Towers. The price he paid was \$8 million. Customers are now ready to pay \$40 million. It is certainly an eye-catching, fabulous two-storey apartment, exactly like a hanging palace. Whatever one needs, can be found in the palace. Sauna baths with thermal-resistant TV sets in addition to a full time masseur ready to answer the master's call any time. The apartment also has a small swimming pool. Servants, and they are many, sleep within — though one never knows how they come and how they go. Your clothes are washed, dried and pressed all by themselves.

It could be an exaggeration, but believe me it is a true exaggeration.

When one talks about food in Khashoggi's palace, you have to believe that it is indeed different from what our stomachs are accustomed to. At Khashoggi's everything is well calculated. Salt, water, varieties of herbs and even the calories are well judged. If you do not like it this way, simply alter the ratios. I can almost swear here that even the ratio of vitamins in Khashoggi's food is calculated.

Each corner of the apartment provides you with different views of the city. One is afforded a panoramic view of New York City. I am now in the 73-74 floors of the Olympic Tower. This means that the fabulous great New York is under your feet. Everything in New York is within your sight and senses. At this great height, you are in New York and then again, not really in New York at the same time. The air in the apartment is very different. It is cool and very pure.

But then, how does one get to this paradise?

At the Olympic Tower gate, guards ask where you intend to go? To Khashoggi. The security apparatus goes into operation and soon a man arrives to accompany you. Do not ask what happens to you when you knock on the doors of the palace. Many people rush forward to receive you. If you are a guest, you will be taken to your room; if you are a visitor, to the saloon and to the meeting hall if you are a businessman. Hospitality here is a different empire.

At last, the emperor was standing in front of me, welcoming me in his traditional manner of hospitality. I soon began the game. The play of the journalist, looking to uncover the secrets of an extraordinary man. Realising the interests of the readers and the hundreds of questions in their minds, ideas began to flood my entire thinking process.

Issues

It did not take long and I asked him: "Tell us Adnan what really are the issues?"

"One day a friend came to me complaining of a financial problem he was facing. He told me that he was unable to sleep because he took a loan of \$100,000 from the bank and was now unable to repay it. I told him: You have been mistaken my friend — very mistaken. You should have borrowed \$1 million instead of \$100,000, because had you done that, the bank would have been unable to sleep and not you! In this scenario, the bank would have been worried about you and not vice-versa. The bank would have ensured to follow up on your health conditions. He added: 'My brother, let yourself become an issue for the people,' Adnan said and added that he never intended to open up his life as an issue to the public."

Thus, Adnan began with me his story in a bid to sail me in the deep waters. He told me that he is an issue for the people and people do not constitute an issue for him. What he does is entirely for himself and does not harm

anyone. As long as he does not harm any one, all what is said about him, including the rumours come under the categorisation of "envy against him." In this context, he told me that when the mother of any of us wants to pray for us, she simply opens her hand, raises them toward the sky and simply says: "My son, may God increase: the number of people that envy you." This means that when those who envy you are too many, you are an important person. This is a vital line of thought for Adnan.

While going around the apartment-palace, I commented that while in the apartment, one did not feel New York's humidity and noise — not even the concerns of its people. Food is served at fixed times. Breakfast at 8.00 am, lunch at 1.30 pm and dinner is taken at an ultra-modern restaurant in New York with advance booking and accompanied by a favourite guest.

Prison

"Adnan... Tell us about the prison episode — undoubtedly it is a 'landmark' committed against you."

He said that one of the redeeming features of the prison was that he lost between 15-20 kgs of weight. However, he added: "I have now begun to restore it — despite my repeated attempts not to eat too much. But this duty is difficult for me to accomplish." He went on to say: "Hospitality protocols compel me to share with friends and this compels me to 'open my appetite.' There is no other alternative, except hard exercise to preserve my good looking body," he commented.

Again we commenced walking in the apartment and I noticed that Adnan's spirits were really high — although four months ago, he was the main gossip of the whole world. Adnan begins his day at 9 in the morning surrounded by a group of his advisers at his office to begin the so-called "dealing and wheeling" operations.

Suddenly, Adnan expounded — "In the past, my annual income was in the vicinity of \$80 million. I was living with all my men a very luxurious life and despite that I never spent more than a quarter of my income. However, what can one do when rumours about spendings surpass reality. But he added: 'The penny of Khashoggi rings loud because I am Khashoggi. Others drop their penny on carpets and no one hears its sound, but my penny falls on marble. Thus when I spend this penny, its sound is heard like a thunder-clap."

"All this noise around me is mainly attributed to the fact that my life is open and is focused as an issue by the media for the people," Adnan said and added that he never intended to open up his life as an issue to the public."

Basically, he commented, he felt he was the only Arab in the world who could gather this large number of friends — both in quality and quantity. "I consider myself a first class public relations man," Khashoggi said.

He continued... "Listen Ahmed... I have played many important political and economic roles that I am proud of. My dream was to build a bridge between the Arab world and advanced technology. I was dreaming of transferring Western industries to the Arab world. This was my dream and I was the first to establish industries like the gypsum industry. I wanted to construct the bridge and wanted to utilise my relations with the world for the benefit of the Arab world. Amongst the many important political roles I have played, some of them have already been uncovered — several remain still unknown."

Friends

Querying him further, I asked. "Who are your friends Adnan, are they economists or politicians?"

"Most of my friends are economists, though I do have a few political friends. I am not really attracted to them, but respect and do meet with them. But, they are certainly the least among my friends. He paused for a moment and continued... I used politics for the service of money." Elucidating he said: "I told concerned politicians that is not in the public interest to separate South Sudan from its North and it is not in the public interest to have tense relations between the two parts. I told them that the interest of the South (Sudan) is to be in harmony with the North — because as the South revolted against the North, the North will one day revolt against the South when it progresses. My words reached South of Sudan. In this way, my political game was used to serve my people — the Arabs."

On the Iranian issue, Adnan commented that he desired that open-thinking and moderates overcome backward hardliners. But, regrettably, the US administration erred in the frangate issue. "Incidentally," he said, "I was acquitted from all charges in this case. I spent substantial funds from my own pocket on issues which I firmly believed would serve the cause of moderation in Iran — a scenario we badly needed. If some areas become quiet and stable, economy progresses and in this respect there is some moral that we can discern and benefit from as businessmen," Khashoggi said.

Arms

I did not spend much time evaluating his replies and queried: "Adnan you are an arms merchant, you provide the warring sides with the means that enables them to kill and destroy."

To me, it appeared that Adnan did not realise, or simply ignored the depth of the question as he quickly commented.

"I have never been an arms merchant dispensing destructive items like bombs, ammunition, explosives and others that kill and destroy. Simply stated, I am an agent of companies that produce aircrafts and defence equipments which are primarily intended to strengthen the national defences of various

countries. I have never been an arms dealer in the true sense of the word."

"Ahmed, stability sometimes serves my interests more. When you asked me about my relations with politicians I told you that my relations with businessmen and economists are stronger and more widespread, simply because I benefit from them. What I do have are good international relations that the Arab world can invest and benefit from."

Standards
"Adnan didn't you get scared in jail? How was life in the cell?"

Adnan smiled, but was again shaken and quickly said: "I am accustomed to staying in magnificent suites and I mean really magnificent. Personally, I love to live an uncommonly high standard of life because I can afford it and as long as I can afford the life style, why not live it. In prison, things are different. Instead of the magnificent suite, there is a small room. Though life there is also totally different, I quickly adapted to the prison lifestyle within a period of three days."

"Naturally, there are no telephones in jail and thus there are no contacts. There was only a small room with a copy of the Holy Quran, where I usually recited the verses. In jail, I prayed five times a day and it afforded me the opportunity of remembering memories of my life. Among those memories, there is this young student who they called Adnan and who traded in cars and they code-named him 'Mr Five Per Cent.' Believe me Ahmed, news of 'Mr Five Per Cent' made many companies request to keep me in jail for 60 years. However, now, all those cases have been reduced to only three, and if proven I could end up spending five years in jail. But, I am still confident that I am innocent. As you see all the charges against me are commercial."

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"However, it never occurred to me that I would one day wake up in prison. Though this episode did not overly disturb me... They did not take me to prison as a drug dealer or a criminal or a murderer. They jailed me on a commercial case. I am convinced that all this introduction is not important, since the case is now in the jurisdiction of American courts. And when it reaches there, any attempt to play becomes impossible."

"In the past, I faced very sensational cases — some worth over \$350 million. For example, a case against Northrop, another against Lockheed and several others. I won all those cases when they were referred to the American Supreme Court. On this occasion, I am happy to inform you that I received a part of the \$350 million very recently."

"From my experience, it is impossible to try to play with or alter the American judicial system. Perhaps, I am the first Arab to win 25 years in jail and faces another charge that would keep him confined to another 45 years of captivity. I found him very sad and dejected — not because of his 25 years of prison sentence, but because of what he told me."

"He said that he was very keen on performing Hajj (pilgrimage) and is constantly worried that he may die without doing so due to his long jail term."

"In jail, Ahmed, I saw many problems — in the Swiss and US jails."

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2,000 new cases of gonorrhoea in Kuwait last year

Lack of sex education cause of spread: Qashlan

DR. IBRAHIM AL QASHLAN, head of the Family Planning Division at the Public Health Ministry has said that more than 2,000 new cases of gonorrhoea were discovered in Kuwait during 1988 along with a similar number of other cases involving pus-oozing inflammations with symptoms analogous to gonorrhoea; however it is less severe but takes a longer time to treat.

He told a local daily that following each seasonal vacation there was an expected outbreak of venereal diseases, as more than 70% of the total infections were contracted outside Kuwait involving category of patients aged between 20 to 29 years. Herpes is mos-

ty contracted by people whose ages vary between 25 to 34, with the percentage of herpes patients increasing slightly each year.

He said that a very limited number of venereal diseases were contracted by women, who would have most often contracted the disease from their husbands, and were under treatment in private clinics.

He pointed out that the Family Planning Division provided social and medical services to all patients in Kuwait no matter where they lived, and that among these services was examining men for impotency and guide patients into what to do in this respect as well as performing tests

aimed at discovering gonorrhoea, syphilis, urinary tract inflammations, and herpes.

Patients would be closely monitored during treatment until total recovery and disappearance of the disease symptoms, and would be given instructions on the need to avoid passing the infection to the healthy, Qashlan said.

He also said that the division offered pre-marital tests to ensure the absence of any hereditary or other diseases that would prevent couples from leading a safe, disease-free married life, and that it would also test dermatological diseases caused by venereal cases, sexual disorders and others. The number of premarital tests performed by the divi-

sion last year included 435 citizens, and 292 residents.

Qashlan blamed the lack of sexual education for the spread of sexual diseases, including erroneous child-raising patterns, forced marriages, lack of sexual constraints and over-indulgence, as well as frequent travel.

He added that other reasons for the spread of sexual diseases was the absence of sexual awareness, reluctance to come forward for treatment, failure to report the condition to doctors, and the availability of contraceptives which created the right atmosphere for quick contraction of infections.

He pointed out that patients might

not experience any symptoms shortly after getting the disease, however it had been clear from medical evidence that 20 per cent males and 80 per cent females had gonorrhoea but experienced no symptoms although they had the ability to transmit the disease to others.

The direct and primary reason for passing on the infection to another person is via sexual intercourse, use of unclear injection needles by junkies, which in certain cases might involve the contraction of AIDS, syphilis, infectious hepatitis (hepatitis A), which an expectant mother could pass to her baby, or through transfusions involving infected blood.

Qashlan attached great importance to sexual cleanliness and commitment to religious teachings, as a surefire way to avoid falling prey to such terrible diseases, pointing out that regular check-ups and early reporting and detection of the condition could increase chances of speedy recovery.

He pointed out that the incubation period of sexual diseases varied considerably and that the associated symptoms could emerge days after contracting the infection, weeks or even longer than that depending on the type of the disease.

He said the incubation period for gonorrhoea ranges from 1-5 days, and that of other venereal inflammation

from two to four weeks, while the incubation for herpes took 3-10 days.

He added that the disease could turn chronic if the patient failed to report it or get medical attention in time, or did not use the right medication. He stressed that failure to abide by the doctor's instructions on the need to change sexual behaviour, cleanliness patterns, or stop drinking alcohol during treatment could only make things worse and make the treatment time longer.

He urged all patients to tear down the barrier of self-consciousness and refrain from resorting to friends' counsels and report the cases to a specialist in order to start on right and efficient treatment programme.

Anti-smoking programme for teenagers imminent

34 per cent college girls smoke

KUWAIT is ranked as the second highest consumers of cigarettes in the world, a recent survey conducted by the Kuwait Anti-Smoking and Cancer Society said. This has resulted in an increase in the number of lung cancer cases among both sexes. Chairman of the Society, Dr Hussain Al Mumain said. A field study conducted on school students showed that 44.8 per cent of school boys had tried smoking and that another 7 per cent were in the experimental stages. The study said that 11 per cent of school girls said they saw their fathers in smoking while 23 per cent said cigarette smoking is "Haram" prohibited and a serious health hazard. The study found that 34 per cent of students whose fathers smoke, were smokers and where mothers were smokers too, this percentage increased to 94 per cent.

Mumain said that the study found that Kuwait has the youngest smoker in the world a six-year-old boy who was seen smoking.

Moreover the field study also found that 34 per cent of Kuwait University girl students were smokers.

Mumain stressed on the importance of facing the problem of the widespread smoking habit among youths.

Specialists the world over give special care and attention to this problem and rightly so, as youths comprise the most important section of the society the official said. He called for launching well organised programmes to solve the problem of smoking among youngsters. Any anti-smoking programmes directed among teenagers must first concentrate on the preventive aspect of the issue because prevention is much more effective than cure. Youths must be made well aware of the dangers and hazards of smoking in order to convince them not to initially start smoking. He stressed that media campaigns must act to negate the impression among youngsters that smoking is a mark of civilisation, growth and maturity and awareness campaign must also help smokers to realise the dangers of smoking and get rid of this bad habit. Mumain said that providing suitable activities to youths, will curtail the opportunities for smoking. He stressed that the presence of good examples set by the father or the teacher to teenagers will positively contribute to youths not taking up this habit forming an unhealthy vice. He said that studies showed that most teenagers who smoke have fathers who smoke and in most cases the character and personality of the fathers is weak.

He emphasised the important role the media can play in this respect and commented that media can greatly affect and influence teenagers in their behaviour and directives. He

said that a clear strategy for youths should be the co-ordination of activities by all institutions related to youths.

Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui stressed the important role parents, especially fathers can play in guiding their children.

He said that studies showed that 48.9 per cent of the sons of illiterates were smokers and that 31.9 per cent of children of those who only read and write were also smokers. This clearly shows that fathers who have a higher degree of education can more properly guide their children to do the right thing, while illiterates or fathers of sub-standard education do not have the proper means to guide their children. Mazroui said that the study found no teenager smoking in the sample taken, among those whose fathers were university graduates.

The study found that 79.9 per cent of young smokers' fathers were alive while the remaining 20.1 per cent had lost their fathers. He said that the only interpretation for this is that young children with their fathers living have the opportunity to get more pocket money than others in most cases.

In the first case, young children are thus indirectly encouraged to buy cigarettes because of the availability of spare pocket money.

Mazroui said that the study also showed that smoking habit

increases among families with a larger number of children. It said that the study found that 50.9 per cent of the young smokers belonged to families consisting of 9 and more members. They were closely followed by families with 7-8 members with 25.4 per cent and families with 5-6 members, 20.3 per cent.

He said that the increase in the number of the families, reduces the control of parents of their children. Mazroui admitted that the study showed that 78 per cent of the activities groups in the Youth Centres of the Ministry of Social Affairs smoke. He said that the only interpretation for this phenomenon is that the gathering of young people of the same age groups, encourage other members to acquire the smoking habit.

Mazroui said that the study showed that the maximum number of smoking students are in the intermediate stage, from 5th to 8th standard. He said that it was found that 49.1 percent of smokers sampled were in the intermediate stage. The usual age group in this stage is between 10 to 14 years. 37.3 per cent of the student smokers come from the secondary stage with age group ranging from 15-18 years. While 11.9 percent of the smokers in the sample said they had completed the intermediate stage. Few students from the primary stage (age group from 6-10 years) said they were smokers. Mazroui attributed this to the fact that primary students are still too young to smoke. High smoking rates among the students in the

intermediate and secondary stages is attributed to their desire to appear grown-up and emulate those whom they hold in esteem.

Mazroui said that the main reasons for smoking among youngsters are usually the tendency to prove one's manhood, express himself, attract the attention of others or imitate their fathers, teachers and doctors.

Young smokers usually become more ready to get rid of the smoking habit when their fathers are non-smokers.

A well known Islamic scholar, Dr Ajil Al Nashmi said that Muslim scholars have given different opinions towards smoking. He said that some Muslim scholars have totally prohibited smoking and considered it as "Haram," while others said it was not so and allowed it. He said that there is no text in the Holy Quran or the Prophet's Hadith that clearly banned cigarettes. But he added that majority of Muslim scholars have pointed out that cigarette smoking is "hated" and in Islam its better to leave bad things rather than use or eat them.

In all cases, smoking in mosques is totally prohibited. Dr Khaled Al Mathikour of Kuwait University also gave the same opinion, but pointed out its hazards. He proposed launching extensive awareness campaigns against cigarette smoking and banning it in transportation vehicles like planes. He also called for banning it in public places and also to ban its advertisement in the press.



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Amir ends Paris trip.

HH the Amir yesterday ended his trip to France. Picture above (left) shows HH the Amir saying farewell and (centre) with French President François Mitterrand and (right) at a banquet hosted in his honour.



Kuwaiti dailies laud Amir's Paris speech

Call to recognise Palestinian state

KUWAIT, Sept 27, (Kuna): Two Kuwait English-language newspapers today commended HH the Amir's speech at a Paris dinner banquet Monday and agreed that the address "deftly mirrored Kuwait's policies and standing on international issues."

One daily, in an editorial, highlighted the Amir's call for constructive dialogue between the Western and Islamic civilisations and the call on France, current chairman of the European Economic Community, to enlist EEC support for the just Palestinian cause.

The paper also heaped praise on the

Amir's "Debt Relief" crusade and said "there could not be a better place than Paris to say what the Amir said."

The daily, underscoring the Amir's call on France to get more actively involved in search for peace in the Middle East, said: "A leader like Mitterrand should be in a position to generate the required pressure of public opinion in Europe and outside to help break the evil status quo" in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza and help speed up the peace process in and likewise from the world."

Another daily, applauded the Amir's speech, saying it reflected "an all-encom-

passing thought."

It added in an editorial that the ideas contained in the address were of international appeal and went beyond the boundaries of certain groups or sects.

The paper pinpointed the diversity of the ideas His Highness the Amir brought up in his speech and said the Amir was in France "not to display the wealth of Kuwait, but to explain its proposals and thoughts on what we want from ourselves and likewise from the world."

Role

Other Kuwaiti newspapers, meanwhile, continued to give extensive coverage to the

current visit to France by His Highness the Amir, with one daily seconding the Amir's call on France to assume a larger role in helping to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"France can play a more positive role vis-a-vis the Arab Israeli conflict and brush aside its reservations on the Palestine Liberation Organisation," the paper said in an editorial.

It further suggested that France can and should recognise the new born Palestinian state and thus open the way for other European Economic Community members to do so and to pursue a more dynamic policy on the Middle East peace.

Kuwait donated college opened

SANA, Sept 27, (Kuna): Arab Yemeni President Col. Ali Abdullah Saleh opened here today the Sanaa University's Medicine and Medical Sciences College on the occasion of the country's celebrations of its revolution's 27th anniversary, Radio Sanaa reported.

The ceremony was attended by Kuwait's Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Al Shamlan, whose country had donated the full expenses of building that college. Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and member of the Libyan Revolution Command Council Maj. Al Khuwaildi Al Hamadi.

Col Saleh, said the accompanying guests, toured various sections of the new \$26-million college then listened to a statement by Yemeni Minister of Higher Education Dr Abdul Aziz Al-Mifahil pointing out that the college was meant to meet the country's needs of medical cadres.

He praised the Kuwaiti contribution to his country, noting that the college was not the first such donation by Kuwait but rather many others had preceded in both sectors of Yemen.

He said that Kuwait was the sole supporter of the Sanaa University since its establishment in the early seventies and that the Kuwaiti board for the South was still recruiting professors and supplying scientific equipment to the university.

PAAET conference

THE director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) Dr Abdil Rahman Al Mihailan has said that authority will host and organise the conference of continuous applied education on Oct 21-25. He said in a press conference held yesterday that the conference aims at studying the latest methods to develop this applied education and to introduce programmes and courses for people who cannot attend regular classes. The conference will also study the connection between programmes of applied education and needs of society and productive establishments.

He expected that the council will take a decision to offer applied education courses to the public in 1992 specially after the appearance of positive results of the comprehensive field study made by the authority.

He added that issues that will be discussed in the conference will focus on three fields: Planning, application and follow-up and evaluation. He also added that the GCC states, Jordan, Iraq, Sudan, Morocco, Tunis, North Yemen, Libya, West Germany, UK, USA, Finland and Canada will take part in the conference through their representatives and experts.



Nawaf visits injured pilot

The Minister of Defence escorted the martyr First Lieut Meslah Mohammed Al Mtairi to his final resting place in Sulaibikhat cemetery this morning. Lieut Pilot Mtairi died on duty while performing flight practice with a helicopter.

The burial was attended by the Minister of Defence, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber, chief of staff, the undersecretary of defence, a large number of ministry officials, Army officers, and relatives.

The Ministry of Defence also visited Second Lieut Khalaf Abdul Aziz Al Shemari who was injured in the same helicopter accident while flying with the martyr. The minister wished him a quick recovery.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Package tours now popular in Bahrain

THE concept of package tours is becoming an increasingly popular trend among holidaymakers, particularly nationals, from Bahrain to a number of destinations abroad over the last few years.

In the seventies, during the period of the oil boom when people enjoyed considerably higher income than today, all classes of residents could afford to go overseas on annual holidays using their own holiday plans and itineraries without the need to depend on professional advice from the travel industry.

In those days, despite higher cost of holidays, including airfares, vacationers from Bahrain could afford to pay for expensive foreign holidays designing their own holiday packages either individually or collectively in family groups. In the eighties, however, the travel scenario underwent dramatic change primarily because of economic factors. The general slowdown in the economic development in the region because of recession, oil crisis and the Gulf conflict among other factors led to a substantial decline in people's real income in Bahrain like its other Gulf neighbours.

Seasoned travellers have become increasingly cost-conscious about foreign vacations. Expatriates as well as nationals have been forced to look for "bargain prices" and reasonable deals" in pursuit of overseas cuttings. The trend now is to seek the ideal holiday that includes most of the quality services and facilities as in the "good old days", but which costs less. A package tour, therefore, appears to the average traveller to be the solution. An average overseas tour based on this concept may include 2 or 3 popular destinations. Generally, a fixed amount covers the cost of return airfare, accommodation, sightseeing trips, at least one meal and transportation in the selected destinations for the travellers.

It is the work of a professional tour operator to design a holiday package suited to the needs and budget of a client. Either the client may authorise the tour operator to specifically create a tour package anywhere in the world or select a ready-made package available at the travel company's office.

According to a top travel executive of a leading tour operating company in Bahrain, more people than before are turning to package tours to go on vacation to such places as the Far East, Western Europe and America.

Abraham John, vice president of Sunshine Tours, told the Arab Times in an interview that people are now attracted to the idea of going on holiday with the aid of a package tour because apart from economical prices, the concept offers, one can also enjoy all the benefits of a good holiday abroad.

Murder probe in progress

INVESTIGATIONS into the murder case that took place in Hawally last Saturday are reportedly still in progress.

Sources close to the family of the murdered couple described information disclosed by the Public Relations Department at the Interior Ministry as inaccurate. For example, they said it was not established that the husband had actually killed his wife at their flat in Hawally.

They added that investigations further have not as yet confirmed whether the husband was out of work as alleged by the department, or on sick leave, and whether he had actually killed himself after the incident.

The family of the husband appealed to the Minister of Interior to instruct the Public Relations Department to ensure that any information and details of the incidents should be factually verified prior to being released for publication.

Anti-narcotics course

ABU DHABI, Sept 27, (Kuna): Twenty four officers from various GCC countries are participating in an advanced training course in combating narcotics which began today and will last six weeks.

This course, the first of its kind at the level of GCC-member states, comes in implementation of a decision taken by the heads of anti-narcotic divisions in the GCC during their last meeting in Bahrain's Criminal Science Institute.

The programme of the course involves a review of all agreements and protocols signed in the field of combating nar-

Danes deny toxic on board

THE Danish embassy in Kuwait Wednesday confirmed that the reported deadly cargo of zinc oxide was not any longer on board the Pro Americana which was said to be trying to dump its load in Arabian Gulf waters.

In an urgent press release, the Regional Organisation for Protection of Marine Environment (Ropme) quoted the Danish embassy here as confirming the load of the toxic waste is still waiting in the harbour of Rotterdam.

"The load will be taken to Denmark, which has agreed to take all of it, even if not all of the waste originates from Denmark," reads the statement by the Danish embassy, distributed by Ropme.

"There is no knowledge in the Danish National Agency for Environmental Protection as to the current cargo of the ship Pro Americana which is not a Danish but a Cyprus registered ship," said the Danish embassy.

The Kuwait-based Ropme had earlier alerted its Gulf eight member states to look out for the ship and to prevent it from docking at their ports.

The Regional Organisation for Marine Environment Protection (Ropme) based in Kuwait has announced that its investigations on the Cypriot cargo vessel Pro-Americana carrying quantities of toxic chemicals showed that these materials were taken from Danish and Italian sources.

Meanwhile, relevant authorities at the GCC ports and coastal guards departments are following up all information related to the whereabouts of the ship which is trying to get rid of its toxic cargo in the Arab Gulf waters. Coastal guards at the Gulf states are running patrols in their regional waters to hunt the ship.

In Sharjah, the director-general of borders and coastal guards of UAE Col. Sief Al-Shaafar has told the Gulf daily yesterday that the location of the ship is still undetermined.

Anti-narcotics course

cotics, and an evaluation of the existing size of the problem of addiction and related consequential effects.

The studies to be tackled at the course would cover areas where narcotics are grown, smuggling attempts, use and addiction, investigation techniques used with drug convicts, modern drug-rehabilitation programmes and methods of treatment and the Unified Arab Law and Strategy on combating narcotics.

Participating in the lectures to be given during this course will be a number of Arab and international experts in the field.

Kuwaitisation slow but sure, says Sanea

KD 1.2b spent on administration

KUWAIT is currently exerting every effort to achieve a sophisticated level of administrative development in the country which initially began in the 1950's and reached the take-off stage in 1984.

In a lecture organised by Kuwait National Students Union, London Branch, Dr Naser Jasem Al Sanea, assistant undersecretary for administrative development affairs at Kuwait Civil Service Commission (CSC) said the developing countries are faced with several problems and challenges. Primarily amongst these challenges, is the need to create a governmental policy aimed at improving the political and economic level, in addition to providing relevant states a new role designed to create the targeted comprehensive development individually suited to their needs.

He went on to state that challenges differed from one country to another and the degree of challenges faced is directly related to the country's availability of resources. He added: "It is unfair to compare Kuwait as a developing country with Tanzania in Africa or Ecuador in Latin America. Kuwait's resources are by no means comparable to these countries' availability of resources. He

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Continuing on the theme of Kuwait, Sanea said that it does not suffer from homeless people, irremediable illiteracy or inflation to speak about. Kuwait would like to see itself equalised with developed countries as it strives to provide every luxury to its citizens by distributing the wealth in a manner that will be translated into justice and equality.

Returning to the theme of Kuwait, Sanea said that the imbalance in manpower is attributed to the Kuwaiti reluctance to go in the technical field and to the absence of the necessary plan for qualifying Kuwaitis to these posts. He disclosed that even in the administrative field, decision makers were actually non-Kuwaitis.

The relevant bodies empowered to make recommendations had clarified that employees in Kuwait lacked necessary training as only about 1 per cent of government employees had any training in 1985. Such a dismal percentage resulted in the majority of government employees being inefficient.

The official revealed that the government spent about KD1.2 billion for administrative services — as compared to public projects which amounted to only about KD600-700 million per annum.

Recommendations

The majority of members on the higher committee comprised Kuwaiti personnel and also included Arab experts who had served for extended periods of time in Kuwait and were thus possessed of first hand knowledge into the intricacies essential for the development of the administrative apparatus.

The committee had recommended, for the first time, a complete review of the performance and capabilities of all employees holding leading administrative posts.

The committee amongst its various recommendations, had specifically suggested a specific

general policy and these solutions

should be adopted by the executive apparatus. However, the official described the Kuwaitisation process for the time being as inadequate presently, but believed it had a promising future. He said that the Kuwaitisation process had presently been adopted in the political apparatus but had to see action on the executive level.

Relying to a question over the training of the senior officials at the ministries, Sanea said that every minister had submitted a statement containing the names of senior officials at his ministry who will be subject to training courses of one year's duration to be organised by Civil Service Council in co-operation with Kuwait University and Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET).

Meanwhile, the official stressed that priority in employment will be given to Kuwaitis and no expatriate will be employed in the administrative field. Strict control will be maintained to ensure that all ministries and institutions abide by the policy.

The Kuwaiti reformatory experiment is not based on any political decisions. However, obtaining these aims and objectives will entail strenuous coordination of all authorities. Successful meetings of senior officials suggested by the higher committee played a significant role towards the setting up of the necessary plan for developing the administrative cadre with corresponding efficiency.

He disclosed that the cabinet had issued a circular last July obliging ministries to adopt a short term plan for administrative development.

He added that 60 senior officials from the state's ministries will be involved in planning a training course to be organised in co-operation with Kuwait University (KU). The scheme is intended to create a joint language among planning officials.

An exchange of visits between Kuwait and a number of Arab and foreign countries have been planned to discuss comprehensively the administrative reform process. He disclosed that he had recently joined the International Institute for Administrative Sciences, to be better placed to understand international administrative efforts aimed at administrative development.

He disclosed that preparing an administrative development strategy for the next five years is currently underway, adding that the strategy will modernise the development efforts.

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New fighting may erupt in Cambodia

AS Vietnamese soldiers nearby packed their bags to return home, a dozen Cambodian troops were loading crates of Soviet-made mortar rounds onto a truck bound for the distant mountains.

Just down the dirt road, bare-chested Kan Jun, one of the country's tens of thousands of village militiamen, showed off his AK-47 automatic rifle and two magazines.

"All the men who can, use a gun to fight Pol Pot," he said, referring to the shadowy figure believed to lead the Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

The scene along the Tonle Sap lake in northwestern Siem Reap province appeared to be an ominous portent of Cambodia's future. What Hanoi said were its last soldiers in Cambodia returned home Tuesday, 10 years and nine months after Vietnam invaded and installed a government to replace the ousted Khmer Rouge.

Like the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, Vietnam's purported pullout will likely improve its international standing. But the move is also likely to trigger new fighting in the country it is leaving.

Since peace talks again have failed, the Vietnamese-installed Phnom Penh government will now face guerrillas alone, as the Soviet-installed government in Kabul has done since the Red Army left Afghanistan in February.

Kabul still stands, despite widespread predictions of a quick collapse. Phnom Penh's position is even stronger, said diplomats from friendly countries such as Ngo Dien, Vietnam's ambassador to Cambodia.

Unlike Afghanistan, Cambodia's government controls most of the country's territory, they said.

The Afghan resistance can recruit from 6 million refugees in neighbouring Pakistan, while the Cambodian guerrillas have only 300,000 in neighbouring Thailand.

The Afghan guerrillas also have wider international backing, and support from many people within Afghanistan. The Khmer Rouge, the largest Cambodian guerrilla group, widely hated and cannot survive without Chinese and Thai support, which is wavering.

"In the not-too-far-away future, I don't think Thailand will go on supporting the Khmer Rouge, and China also," Ngo Dien said.

The communist Khmer Rouge killed hundreds of thousands of people when it tried to implement primitive agrarian reform during a 3 and 1-2 year rule from 1975 until Vietnam ousted it in late 1978.

Just as in Afghanistan, superpowers continue supplying the means to kill. Chinese shipments continue to the guerrillas.

Soviet arms continue heading to Phnom Penh, said Soviet ambassador Rashid Khamidouline, although they were not increased with Vietnam's pullout because "we don't want to escalate the war."

The Khmer Rouge siege of Pailin, near its sanctuaries in Thailand, has been compared with the Afghan guerrillas' siege of Jalalabad, near the Pakistan frontier. The Cambodian guerrilla attempt to create a "liberated zone" has intensified with Vietnam's retreat, and is seen as a crucial test of the government army's strength.

Most analysts say neither army can win in Cambodia. The key, then, will be whether there can be talks between Phnom Penh's Premier Hun Sen and guerrilla leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who heads the coalition joining his non-communist forces with the Khmer Rouge and the non-communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

If genuine, the Vietnamese pullout would weaken Phnom Penh militarily but would gain Hanoi much-needed international approval at the expense of the guerrillas.

The guerrillas call the troop movement a fake, but many diplomats believe Vietnam has withdrawn at least the bulk of its army.

The guerrillas may also lose morale if they believe they are now fighting only fellow Cambodians.

Anticipating this, the guerrillas recently stepped up charges that Vietnam was controlling the country with 1.25 million Vietnamese settlers.

Phnom Penh wants a political settlement to help end diplomatic and economic embargoes by non-communist countries that have hurt impoverished Cambodia.

But it has hinted that even without a settlement, a few countries like Australia and Thailand may recognize Phnom Penh after a general election expected early next year.

There are no signs of progress or breaking the central impasse in talks: the future of the Khmer Rouge.

Hun Sen repeated Sunday he would make no concessions on his demand that the Khmer Rouge Army and political organization be dismantled. Sihanouk says the Khmer Rouge will continue fighting if barred from taking part in a transitional coalition government.

Vietnam's claimed withdrawal has focused greater attention on the peace talks, and the Khmer Rouge appears to be under pressure from its two strongest backers, China and Thailand.

For the first time since Vietnam's invasion, three Chinese officials visited Cambodia for economic talks earlier this year, an indication Beijing is keeping its options open.

And at Pailin and elsewhere, the Thai Army has halted artillery support for the Khmer Rouge and cleared out some Khmer Rouge military bases and secretive civilian camps, officials said.

Hanoi hopes its pullout will end the Western economic blockades that have hurt Vietnam economically.

Its retreat from Cambodia coincides with declining Soviet influence in both countries and could begin a strategic realignment favouring the non-communist world, diplomats said.

(Phnom Penh — AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1687 — Turks surrender city of Athens to Venetians.
1716 — Treaty of Hanover between England and France leads to triple alliance with Holland.
1826 — Russia declares war against Persia over latter's encroachment into trans-Caucasia.
1915 — British defeat Turks at Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia.
1924 — Two US Army planes land in Seattle, Washington, completing what is called first round-the-world flight, with total elapsed time of 175 days.
1939 — Germany and Soviet Union agree on plan to partition Poland in World War II.
1941 — Nazi Germany programme of terror begins in Czechoslovakia in World War II.
1950 — Indonesia is admitted to United Nations.
1965 — Volcano 35 miles (56 km) south of Manila in Philippines erupts, killing at least 184 people.
1975 — Officials of World Health Organization say they expect smallpox to be eradicated from earth within one year.
1977 — Japanese urban guerrillas hold 156 hostages on hijacked Japanese airliner at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
1978 — Syrian peacekeeping troops and Lebanese Christian militiamen engage in heavy fighting in Lebanon.
1980 — Iraq claims that its troops advanced 50 miles (80 km) inside Iran, but reports from Tehran deny the claim.
1982 — US President Ronald Reagan says his economic policies have rescued nation from fiscal disaster.
1984 — Indian authorities order temporary closure of Golden Temple.
1985 — A new president, Eric Arturo Delavalle, is sworn in Panama.
1987 — Mehdi Hashemi, one time close aide of Ayatollah Khomeini's chosen successor, is executed by firing squad in Iran prison for treason.
1988 — Czechoslovakia expels two British military attaches on charges of spying.

Sri Lanka's heart bleeds

Government looks for new tactics to tame JVP

"WITH the power that I have today, I can commit genocide," mused Premadasa Udugampola, a key target for Sinhalese radicals. "But is it correct for me to do that?"

Certainly the government has to find new tactics to the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) extremists, whose insurrection in Sri Lanka's Sinhalese-dominated southern and central areas has critically destabilised President Ranasinghe Premadasa's government.

Analysts believe Premadasa must move swiftly or the wealthy elite who lost their traditional control of the island nation to the low-caste politician in December polls may try to engineer his removal through a coup or forced resignation.

Udugampola, a veteran police officer overseeing central province, has been at the forefront of Premadasa's unsuccessful strategy to contain the rebellion by unleashing the security forces.

According to human rights workers, the stocky, intense policeman is responsible for organising death squads blamed for ruthlessly eliminating hundreds of JVP suspects.

But Udugampola, 51, also is a victim.

JVP assassins a year ago raided his ancestral home, killing his mother, brother, sister-in-law and a nephew and a niece. They then torched the house.

Udugampola's sister-in-law survived the attack. Officials said she told them the gunman who shot Udugampola's mother, who was in her 80s, in the abdomen declared: "This is for using your womb for producing a killer."

"The killing of my family members and my services have no connection," said Udugampola, with a broad smile and cold eyes. "I am a civilian police officer. I am a rational person, not an emotional person."

But Prins Gunasekera, a lawyer and human rights activist who risks his life registering habeas corpus petitions on missing people — 367 so far this year — said the slayings drove Udugampola to greater violence.

"From that day he vowed to destroy the JVP," Gunasekera said. "He said, 'you have got five from my family, so I will get five hundred of your chaps,' and he began in real earnest."

Udugampola's new posting is the hill town of Kandy, the capital of central province, where the JVP has shifted the focus of its insurrection following its success in breaking government power in economically depressed southern province.

The new battlefield has greater emotional significance for most majority Sinhalese because Kandy is the centre of Sri Lankan Buddhism and a



Ranasinghe Premadasa: swift move

defendable stronghold where leaders historically retreated in times of adversity.

The encircling verdant hills now reverberate with sporadic gunshots and blasts. Bodies are found daily.

The fortunate victims are strapped to lampposts and dispatched with a single shot. Others appear to have been hacked apart before decapitation. But the preferred method of dispatching enemies is "neck-

lacing" in which a gasoline-soaked car tire is placed around the victim's neck and then set alight.

Residents blame state-sponsored groups for the political slayings, which average about 40 nationwide each day. Udugampola maintained the killings are committed by radicals who "masquerade as the army to discredit them."

Whoever is to blame, the JVP appears to be winning.

Government authority is being whittled away through a near-textbook campaign of coercion, assassinations and sabotage. Excessive retaliation by security forces fuels popular anger at the government and stokes support for the radicals.

Underpinning the strategy are pervasive grievances: the huge gap between wealth in the capital and impoverished rural areas, a dearth of opportunities for a well-educated population with middle-class aspirations, and the inability of the nation's elite to inspire.

"Day by day, they get stronger," a shopkeeper said of the JVP. "If I am angry with the government, there is only one way of dealing with it — through the JVP."

The JVP has hidden itself through a cell structure to prevent betrayal and detection. Such tactics arose in the aftermath of a 1971 JVP insurrection in which the government devastated the movement by killing an estimated 10,000 suspects in three weeks.

This time, the government so far has failed to net any senior JVP figures and authorities may never be able to eliminate the core of about 500 people thought to be directing the insurrection.

Premadasa has tried to open negotiations with the

opposition, but the JVP has rejected them.

Analysts believe Premadasa's only hope is to rise above internal rivalries with opposition figures and form a national front coalition which would try to rally the public with calls for defending the principles of a liberal democracy.

Integral to success would be making the security forces again accountable to law and using power judiciously.

"Either he says 'blood, and fire' and takes the population with him in a positive pitch for government or somebody else will do it for him," a Western diplomat said. "The traditional élites in this country are not going to give over to a rag-tag bunch of murderers — but I can only see a slide into a South Asian Lebanon" (Kandy, Sri Lanka — UPI)

Dealing with PLO

Israeli taboo slowly fading

ISRAEL'S long-standing taboo on dealing with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is slowly fading.

Israel still has on its statute book a 1986 law, regarded by many as anachronistic, which provides for up to three years in prison for meeting PLO officials.

Veteran Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan, who owns the Voice of Peace offshore radio station, was convicted under that law on Wednesday for meeting Arafat and will be sentenced next week.

But a barrier was breached this month when Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, long regarded by Israel as the most moderate and acceptable of Palestinians, publicly declared he had met PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis.

"I thought it was time for us to say openly when we meet with our leadership," he told Reuters.

Freij could have been prosecuted under Israeli occupation laws for contact with PLO, instead he received a gentle rap on the knuckles from the local military governor.

"Freij set a very important precedent," said Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab.

Israelis are beginning to grasp the significance. If this most reasonable Palestinian, one of the few who regularly talks to their leaders, declares open allegiance to the PLO, whom else can Israel talk to?

Official sources said Freij's trip opened the floodgates to meetings with the PLO. Among the more

unlikely pilgrims to Tunis were two former leaders of the now-defunct village leagues, set up by Israel in the late 1970s in a vain effort to break PLO power in the West Bank.

Other barriers are crumbling. Israeli newspapers frequently interview PLO officials nowadays. Arafat has held bantering news conferences with Israeli journalists twice this year.

Probably the biggest psychological change occurred last December when the United States, Israel's closest ally, opened a dialogue with the PLO, accepting its renunciation of terrorism and recognition of Israel's right to exist.

A Western diplomat described the process as "the gradual de-normalisation of the plot."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, while vowing that Israel will not negotiate with what he calls "PLO-Tunis," agreed this month that Egypt, in close contact with the PLO, should appoint Palestinian negotiators to talk to Israel.

Rabin said the delegation could include Palestinians deported by Israel for pro-PLO activity or "professors from the United States" who are members of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the PLO's parliament-in-exile.

Egypt should choose the Palestinian team in consultation with Israel and "other factors," he said in an oblique reference to the PLO.

To encourage them to co-operate with Israel's initiative for elections in the occupied territories, the

Tuesday when he again discussed US-Soviet ties with journalists.

"I'm very pleased with the way things are going," he said. "The reaction from the Soviets to our (chemical arms) proposals on Monday has been positive, and so now the goal is to get moving and try to work out these agreements."

"We got some good common ground," he added when asked about a Soviet proposal that Washington and Moscow eliminate their entire stock of chemical weapons. The Soviet offer seemed to up the ante on Bush's day-old offer of an 80 per cent cut in US chemical weapons if Moscow would reduce its stocks to an equal level.

One senior White House official said that at one time the United States would have angrily labelled the Soviet proposal a political manoeuvre designed to upset Bush.

"They want to gain advantage, but we think they are sincere in wanting an agreement," this official said. "There is a different judgment about their motives and intentions."

(Washington — Reuter)

Letters to the editor

Stop hundi business

SIR: No doubt that NRI Indians are helping India by sending their savings to India through banks. But needless to say, there are many Indians sending money to India by illegal means called hundi, thus saving KID 3 per thousand rupees.

Before, this activity was limited to Bombay city, but now it is spreading to every corner of India especially Cuddapah district (Andhra Pradesh) from where many people are working as domestic servants in Kuwait.

Every Friday evening one can see money brokers roaming near Sheraton Hotel to collect money from the people to send to Cuddapah town.

I request the Indian embassy to take immediate action to stop this illegal way of money remittance to India, otherwise, Indian rupee will devalue more in future and worsen the economic position of India.

See Hari Choudary,
Safat.

Tit for tat

SIR: As a result of Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses," some have died in some parts of the world. No wonder the pen is mightier than the sword.

Those people or parties who are hurt by his writing should use the pen (to retaliate) against him and not use anger, sword or gun. So it should be "tit for tat and not tat for tit."

Vincent Dias,

Safat.

Beauty destroyed

SIR: The waterfront project (along the Gulf Road) has served to facilitate Kuwait with the various amenities it needs. It has also destroyed the coastline's beauty, something the people responsible for its construction have failed to notice.

The coastline is one of Kuwait's most prominent

and prestigious physical features. It includes the sea, the ships on it and the distant outline of skyscrapers. A breathtaking view.

Driving from Salimiyah towards the city, the sea disappears from view for miles on end.

It is a pity because although change in Kuwait is inevitable, folly is not.

Diana Hawa,

Safat.

Colourful question

BUSINESS & FINANCE



Mohamed Al Kharafi

Powerful chairman**'Impressive string of profits'**

LONDON, Sept 27, (Kina). A prominent business daily here published today an eight-page supplement to highlight the activities of Arab banking.

The Financial Times newspaper spoke in its survey about the success of Arab banks in attracting private sector funds for investment in Western markets.

The paper noted that the biggest Arab banks have developed international aspirations and presence in such financial centres as London and New York.

In a profile in this section of the National Bank of Kuwait, the newspaper underlined that the bank has achieved an "impressive string of profits" including a 15 per cent rise in profits in real terms to KD30.9 million last year.

Through this solid performance NBK has earned the respect of its peers throughout the Middle East as one of the few genuinely credible Arab international banks."

The Financial Times also said that the group's value of KD900 million (\$3 billion) at September's prices accounted for 25 per cent of the value of the entire Kuwait Stock Exchange.

By another measure NBK, Kuwait's oldest commercial bank at 37, also "towers above its debt-saddled competitors."

The paper paid tribute to its "powerful" chairman, Mohamed Abdul Mohsin Al Kharafi, "who is widely acknowledged as the doyen of local banking."

Meanwhile, in a general reference to Kuwait's commercial banks, the paper said that the six commercial banks reported profits in 1988 for the third year running.

Bilzerian sentenced to four years

NEW YORK, Sept 27, (Reuters). US corporate raider Paul Bilzerian was sentenced today to four years in prison and fined \$1.5 million for securities and tax fraud, and making false statements to the government.

Bilzerian, the former chairman of defence contractor Singer Co, was found guilty by a jury on June 9 in a major victory for US federal prosecutors in their fight against white-collar financial crime.

The 39-year-old investor faced a maximum prison term of 45 years and a fine of up to \$2.25 million. He was charged with nine counts of securities fraud, conspiracy to commit tax fraud and giving false statements to the government.

Judge Robert Ward also sentenced Bilzerian to two years of probation following the end of his prison term.

Economic pact signed

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept 27, (AP). Iraq and East Germany signed a new economic agreement today designed to boost their trade above the current value of \$50 million a year.

State-run television said the pact was signed by Iraq's Minister of Industry and Military Industrialisation, Hussein Kamel, and East German Minister of Construction Wolfgang Honecker.

Iraq and East Germany have developed major trading links since 1968, when Iraq was the first country outside the communist world officially to recognise the German Democratic Republic.

Israel's arbitrary policies flayed

WASHINGTON, Sept 27, (AP). Arab delegates to the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meeting today criticised Israel's "arbitrary policies" in the territories it occupies.

Speaking on behalf of the Arab group, Muhammed Imady, Syria's minister of economy and foreign trade, also said eight Arab countries are implementing or negotiating reforms in their economies with the IMF in order to become eligible for more loans.

He did not name the countries, but IMF officials said they are: Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan, Sudan, Egypt and Somalia.

"We deplore Israel's arbitrary policies in the occupied Arab territories which have continued to weaken the economic base, hamper growth and disrupt the structure of the production in these territories," Imady said.

Seeking to adjust to the decline in world oil prices, Arab countries have embarked on reforms that include "substantial cuts in their expenditures" as well as adopting measures to enhance the growth of the private sector, Imady said.

Emphasis in recent months has been placed on reducing the debts of developing countries to commercial banks, in accordance with the so-called American Brady plan, Imady said.

"But the debt situation of lower middle-income countries whose debt is owed mostly to official creditors is, in many cases,

IMF considering \$700m loan for Poland**United States**

"We see reform in Poland as a major historical challenge for all of us," he told reporters.

West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said that for more freedom, self-determination and better living conditions in Poland and Hungary, outside help was needed.

"My government supports a timely agreement with Poland and Hungary with IMF and World Bank on a programme of sustained, market-oriented reforms," he said in a speech to the meeting.

"This would also provide the bases enabling Poland and its commercial bank creditors to make use of the new elements of the strengthened debt strategy."

A new debt strategy has been promoted by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady for reduction of debt owed to commercial banks. About three-quarters of Poland's \$42 billion foreign debt is owed to governments rather than to banks.

On Tuesday, Finance Minister Mairion da Nobrega of Brazil, the biggest Third World debtor, suggested that governments too should reduce the debts owed them. Brazil owes governments about 20 per cent of its total debt, now estimated at \$110 billion.

There has been some forgiveness of government debt by West Germany and other European countries, but most of it has been the benefit of the poorest governments in Southern Africa. President George Bush has promised these countries a reduction of \$1 billion in debt owed to the

United States. "It would be a historic error if economic reforms in Poland and Hungary were to fail for lack of external support," British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson told the meeting.

He said the first step must be for the fund to negotiate agreements with the two countries.

He said some help could be given before such agreements: food aid and possibly a delay on some debts owed by Poland to governments.

Both Lawson and Hashimoto denied any knowledge of a bid, widely reported as made by Polish officials, for a billion dollars worth of aid from Western governments.

Nor would they say if they backed the effort of the Soviet Union to join the bank and fund, which would give it, too, some claim on their help. Lawson called it a hypothetical question and said the focus needs to be on Poland and Hungary.

Hashimoto pointed out that the Soviet rouble cannot be converted to other currencies, so that its contribution could not strengthen the fund.

He said he had visited the Soviet Union last May and had seen first-hand the difficulties facing President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Hashimoto added that Soviet membership would depend on whether the 152-member governments approve.

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A Tokyo foreign exchange broker holds a dollar trading figure in early market activity yesterday as the US currency fell after concerted selling intervention involving the Bank of Japan, the Bank of Canada, and the US Federal Reserve following the 141.60 yen opening against Tuesday's New York close of 142.35/45. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gold edges up**Dollar recovers**

LONDON, Sept 27, (Reuter). The dollar closed a shade lower in Europe today after recovering from a heavy broadside of concerted Central Bank intervention, dealers said.

"There was great turmoil on foreign exchange and money markets today," said Paul Chertkow, international economist in London with finance house Drexel Burnham Lambert.

"We haven't had this volatile trading all year."

The dollar dipped after it was sold in the open market in a joint operation by 11 central banks, including the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada.

It was the third day in a row that central banks had intervened to subdue the US unit.

But dealers said profit-taking lifted the dollar off a session low of 1.8730 West German marks to close in London at 1.8815 after Tuesday's 1.8885 finish.

Against the Japanese yen it ended at 140.45 after 142.00.

Gold bullion edged up half a dollar to finish in London at \$368.25 an ounce.

The Group of Seven (G-7) made their statement in Washington, where finance ministers are attending the annual joint meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

They believe the dollar's strength could worsen world trade imbalances and export inflation. They have said similar things in the past, but the tough language of their communiqué and the intensity of the intervention has a new no-nonsense style.

While finance ministers at the IMF meeting debate issues from Third World debt to the problems of the Polish economy, central banks have been spelling out their message on the dollar to dealing rooms around the globe.

"More lows tested overnight with the central banks maintaining the whip hand and for the moment it seems best to follow their lead with the intention of getting the dollar back to levels which they are satisfied with," the Midland Bank in London advised dealing colleagues today.

French Finance Minister Pierre Beregovoy told a Paris finance seminar today that the G-7's goal of co-operation in the markets was working. "Monetary co-operation has been put into effect by intervention in the market which has led to a fall in the dollar," he said.

But he refused to be drawn on the question now taxing financial brains around Europe: Will interest rates be raised to hold the dollar at current levels and defend European currencies?

"Interest rates are largely determined by the markets and domestic considerations in each country," he said, dodging speculation that West Germany and France may lead a new round of interest rate rises in the near future.

Gold closed in London at \$368.25 an ounce, up just 50 cents on Tuesday's finish.

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Arab Bank to launch investment funds

WITH increasing market complexity and volatility, the Arab Bank perceives a growing need for professional and conservative investment management. Accordingly, the bank is launching a range of investment funds on Oct 1, 1989.

These funds will be open ended investment companies based in Guernsey, British Isles.

Investment seminars will be held in Bahrain, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Dubai during October to introduce these funds.

Investors in the International Fund will be able to benefit from any or all of the three underlying funds:

An investment in a range of bank deposits and short-term monetary instruments which may be denominated in leading currencies.

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An investment in US dollar deposits and short-term monetary instruments. The fund offers wholesale market rates and capital availability at short notice.

Kenya under pressure to boost petrol prices

"They (oil firms) are here to make money. They are entitled to a viable business," Biwott told Reuters, but he did not indicate whether the government would in fact raise pump prices.

Oil firms approached by Reuters declined comment.

Kenya last raised petrol prices about two years ago, but the Kenya shilling has depreciated by 20 per cent against the dollar since then, eroding oil company profit margins.

Prices increases are sensitive in Kenya. The government recently lifted price controls on many consumer items such as meat and soap powder, provoking sharp price rises.

In response to World Bank pressure, the government is also introducing more

direct charges for education and health care.

Diplomats said the government is therefore wary of the political consequences of raising petrol prices because of the inevitable knock-on effect on the cost of living.

Kenya has been hit by sporadic petrol shortages for some months as talks dragged on between Biwott's ministry and oil firms Esso, Caltex, Shell-British Petroleum, Total and Agip.

The shortages have also hit Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, which normally import most of their oil products from Kenya.

The diplomats said Kenya informally agreed last month to increase pump prices, but when it failed to honour its pledge, the

oil companies stopped buying and distributing petrol from the state-owned National Oil Corporation of Kenya (Nock).

Nock normally imports only a fraction of Kenya's crude oil, but the diplomatic sources said it became the country's sole supplier a month ago when the foreign firms halted imports, saying that they were losing about six dollars per barrel.

Kenya's lone oil refinery in the port of Mombasa is jointly owned by the state and the oil companies. It refines crude which is then pumped along a 450 km (280 miles) pipeline to Nairobi.

Kenya imports about two million tonnes of crude a year. About a quarter of it is re-exported to neighbouring states.

Record entry for Mideast power show

A RECORD number of 21 Gulf companies have confirmed their places in Middle East Electricity '90, joining a big international line-up of exhibitors for an event which will again focus the attention of the power industries on Dubai in January.

With peace in the Gulf releasing a multitude of projects shelved during the Iraq-Iran conflict, the largest exhibition of its kind in the Arab world is expected to lure a stream of eager buyers with millions of dollars to spend.

Sharing the exhibition floor at Dubai's World Trade Centre from Jan 14-17 will be major international concerns and much smaller companies equally aware of the opportunity to take advantage of a surge in the regional electricity, power generation and electronic engineering business.

Organised by Fairs and Exhibition Ltd and supported by the UAE's Ministry of Electricity and Water, the power show will again feature a strong contingent of British companies, along with competitors from many other European countries, the USA, the Far East and the sub-continent. Emirates, the award-winning international airline of the UAE, will be the official carrier for the exhibition.

The record number of Gulf companies taking part is made up of 17 from the UAE and four from Saudi Arabia.

"We are delighted, but not surprised, by the response," said Virginia Kern, managing director of Fairs and Exhibitions Ltd. "This is the eighth time that the Middle East Electricity exhibition has been held, and it has grown in stature every year."

"The event has proven record for attracting high quality visitors and producing sales worth many millions of dollars. As a result of the effects of peace in the Gulf, exhibitors are expecting a particularly profitable four days in Dubai this time."

Dubai's stature as the exhibition centre of the Middle East, added to the World Trade Centre's modern and sophisticated range of facilities, have been important factors in the show's success. The previous exhibition, in January 1988, attracted more than 2,500 visitors from 27 countries.

Among the major international companies returning to Dubai will be Hawker Siddeley, the London-based electrical and mechanical engineering concern, which will be represented on its corporate group stand by four subsidiary operating companies.

Borrowing plan

BOSTON, Sept 27, (AP): In its latest effort to strengthen its financial future, Wang Laboratories Inc. announced yesterday that it has completed a deal to borrow up to \$175 million.

Wang officials said in a prepared statement the agreement with CIT Group-Business Credit Inc., whose parent company is Manufacturers Hanover Corp., is part of its recently-announced restructuring plan.

Wang reported a \$424 million loss for the fiscal year ended June 30, which led to thousands of employee layoffs and upper level reshuffling.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept 27, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29669	0.29784
Stirling	0.48065	0.48125
Dm.	0.15745	0.15815
S. fr.	0.18125	0.18205
F. fr.	0.04650	0.04670
It. lira	0.0002175	0.0002190
Jap. yen	0.002100	0.0021105
Bn. dinar	0.78095	0.79025
UAE dh.	0.08075	0.08110
S. riyal	0.07910	0.07945
O. riyal	0.08150	0.08185
O. riyal	0.77040	0.77390

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Sept 27, (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Std	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-3/8
3 months	8-3/16	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/4	8-5/8
1 year	8-1/4	8-9/16

Exchange rates

	Indian rupee	Sri Lankan rupee	Pakistani rupee	Bangladesh taka	US dollar	Pound sterling	Deutsche marks	UAE Dirham	Japanese yen
	17.900	7.540	14.210	9.140	29.775	45.300	1.5805	0.8104	.002114

'Bankers must accept some losses on Third World loans'

IMF must do more to aid Poland: Bush

WASHINGTON, Sept 27, (AP): President George Bush told the 152-nation International Monetary Fund today that more must be done to help Poland's new non-communist-led government and cited "our self-evident stake in its success."

The President urged the international lending organisation, and its sister agency, the World Bank, "to work rapidly with Poland" to help the nation restore its economy.

He also vowed that the United States would work with the IMF to help develop a compromise by the end of this year to help increase the organisation's funds.

In his maiden speech to the two multilateral financial organisations, Bush also called on commercial banks to carry more of a burden in easing the troubled economies of Latin America and other developing nations.

"We encourage these steps not as self-sacrifice, but as self-interest," Bush said in prepared remarks. "Success not only will help the debtor nations. But it will also strengthen the banks, by putting their portfolios on a sounder footing."

Bush's comments to the annual IMF-World Bank meeting were a toned-down rendition of an appeal he made to a group of international bankers and financial officials last night at the White House.

At that session, Bush lobbied hard for the Third World debt

relief proposal crafted by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, saying bankers must accept some losses on Third World loans as part of a "new realism."

The so-called Brady plan, unveiled last March, endorses voluntary efforts on the part of commercial banks to forgive part of the \$400 billion they are owed by the largest debtor countries, mostly in Latin America.

However, banks have been reluctant to endorse the plan because it requires them to partially forgive old loans, then turn around and make new ones.

In today's speech to the gathering of most of the world's finance ministers, Bush said: "There may be no greater opportunity before us all today than the challenges of Poland and, more broadly, Eastern Europe."

Bush urged the lending organisations to give special attention to financing Western financial aid to Poland, noting the United States and some other Western nations had individually already come up with aid packages.

The Bush administration is supporting a \$119 million package of US economic aid to Poland and another \$100 million in food aid.

"In light of clearly growing needs, the recent accession of a Solidarity-led government, and our self-evident stake in its success, we must do more," Bush said.

"For its part, the United States

intends to be out in front of this effort, to take advantage of this historic development and to ensure its success," Bush said.

He called recent movement toward new freedoms and toward open-market economies both in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union "stunning."

"The jury is no longer out. Look at the two economic systems and see who has prospered and who has struggled. Let's put an end to the economic experiment. Because history has decided," he said.

Bush told the financial officials: "A more open and humane Soviet Union can only be in the interest of the West."

"And, as we see the evidence of that reform, we can match it with steps of our own," he added.

The President also appealed to the financial officials, representing rich and poor nations alike, to join forces in the war on drugs, calling it "a worldwide problem" that can only be solved by joint international action.

"To conceal their obscene profits, drug barons must wash their money by cycling it through financial institutions and illegitimate shell corporations," Bush said.

"We need tough measures to track down and confiscate the profits of drug-related crime," Bush said. He reiterated the US call for all countries to ratify the United Nations Vienna convention, which makes money laundering a criminal and extradita-

ble offense.

Bush also applauded what he said was an increased attention being given by the World Bank to the environmental consequences of some of its projects in developing nations. "But there is more to be done," he said.

Bush said the nations of the world should work "more cooperatively" to deal with the problems of global warming.

In advance of the speech, Bush gave a group of international bankers a hard sell in behalf of his administration's debt-reduction plan.

At a White House reception last night, Bush told the bankers and officials of the IMF and the World Bank they all had "key roles to play" in helping to ease the Third World's staggering debt.

"Special efforts have been asked of the commercial banks as part of this new approach," Bush said, according to a copy of his remarks made available today by the White House.

The Brady plan, unveiled last March, endorses voluntary efforts on the part of commercial banking community in approaching the debt problem," he said.

"This is an international problem, which requires collaboration and innovation to make lasting progress," Bush said. He told the White House audience of 73 bankers, officials of the World Bank and IMF and other key participants at this week's annual IMF-World Bank meet-



World Bank president Barber Conable (left) Kyu Sung Lee, chairman of the IMF Board of Governors (centre) and IMF managing director Michel Camdessus pose after the opening ceremonies of the IMF-World Bank annual meeting on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

bid for a major increase in its \$120 billion capital.

But, Bush declared, "we will continue to work with other members, in the hope of reaching a decision on quotas (how much each country contributes) by the end of the year."

"The United States has always supported the IMF and will continue to do so," he said. The United States is the largest donor to the two bodies.

Despite reforms

Investors stay shy of Nigeria

LAGOS, Sept 27, (Reuters): As the International Monetary Fund holds its annual meeting in Washington, Nigeria wonders when it will see the benefits of three years of unpalatable economic medicine it has swallowed to impress the IMF.

The government has loosened state control of the economy, opened up to foreign ownership and offered generous incentives to investors.

But foreign businessmen are still queuing to enter a country where more than 100 million people offer the biggest market on the African continent.

"They (the IMF) asked us to do XY and Z and we have done them but very little money has come in," said a government official.

Nigeria rejected IMF tutelage in December 1985, saying conditions attached to a \$2.5 billion loan were unacceptable.

But since launching economic reforms in June 1986, the country has carried out most of the measures the fund stipulated as necessary before it would approve new loans and reschedule debts totalling \$30.5 billion.

The Lagos government, which launched its programme of reforms in June 1986, has even redefined its main foreign policy objective as attracting foreign investment, but the inflow of new funds remains elusive.

Foreign businessmen have "a wait and see attitude" towards the military government's programme of a return to democracy by 1992, said Shamsudeen Usman, director-general of the government's privatisation and commercialisation programme.

They also need persuading that the government's reforms will last and be properly implemented. The lack of confidence in the country shown by some of its nationals does little to alleviate the fears of potential foreign investors.

"Why would a foreign investor in the country when he sees Nigerians taking their money out of the country?" asked Larry Koinyan, head of the state agency for rural development.

Also, competition for international investment funds is intense and Nigeria must contend with other countries offering a more favourable and profitable business environment.

"The potential investor is not a philanthropist...his aim is to get the best investment climate in every respect," said Fred Scott, resident representative of the West Africa Committee, an organisation representing foreign businessmen.

Scott cites the case of a Swiss businessman who arrived at Lagos airport but could not stomach the chaos of Nigeria's main entry point and booked himself out on the plane that brought him.

"This is an extreme case but it is significant when compared, for example to Singapore, where the Singapore Development Corporation meets investors at the airport and meetings with ministers and senior government officials are speedily and efficiently organised," he said.

Swissair named best airline

READERS of "Executive Travel," a British business magazine, have voted Swissair "Airline of the Year" for 1989. Second place went to Singapore Airlines, while Thai International came in third. Swissair was further elected best airline in Europe for short-haul flights. The poll was conducted among some 50,000 business people, who jointly make around 1.25 million flights a year.

Readers voted Swissair's cabin staff the most efficient in the world, while Swissair ground personnel were similarly awarded first place for their services on the ground. The Swiss national carrier was also voted No. 1 world-wide for the quality of the wines and food it serves to over 20,000 passengers every day.

In last year's poll, Swissair came third overall behind British Airways and Singapore Airlines.

In the airports section of the survey, Zurich remained in third place, behind Changi, Singapore and Schiphol, Amsterdam.

Electronic bond trading planned

ZURICH, Sept 27, (Reuters): Switzerland's three major stock exchanges announced plans today to switch bond trading from exchange floors to computer screens in 1991.

If the project gets official approval, bond dealers in Zurich, Geneva and Basle will no longer go to the exchanges but will stay at their banks, transacting deals over their screens.

"We can't go on as we are now. We have capacity problems and must create space. We're bursting at the seams," Gian Pietro Rossetti, chairman of Association Tripartite Bourse (ATB), told a news conference.

The three exchanges, which set up ATB to co-ordinate technical projects, want to free more floor space for other business such as a growing trade in share warrants.

The Electronic Bond System (EBS), as the new bond trading set-up will be called, will come three years after the opening of the Swiss Options and Financial Futures Exchange (Sofex), the world's first fully-automated options trading and clearing system.

Sofex made news early last month when its computer system failed for several days, forcing dealers to return to conducting business by telephone.

Tokyo share prices

Nippon Steel Corp	763
Nipponenso Co., Ltd.	250
Nissho Corporation	1440
Nomura Securities	3300
Okuma Machinery Work	1820
Oward Kashiyama Co.	2330

VARIETY

Chandra to shine again

Amrish Puri short of time

By Firoze Rangoonswalla

If there is one film director's name that people raise their invisible hats (or visible hands) to, then it is N. Chandra. While *Subhash Ghai* or *Mansoor Khan* with *Nasir Hussain* may have given one big hit at considerable cost and trouble, N. Chandra very smoothly gave three hits in a row, and that too with a considerably low budget.

While people are still talking about his first hat-trick of *Jubilee*, *Ankush*, *Pratighat*, *Tezzaab*, Chandra is getting ready for a second one. He has three new films on hand, in the same way. Just as he had directed the first two for other producers and made the third for himself, he is now directing *Humlaa* and *Yugandhar* for outsiders and producing *Narsinha* for himself. Unlike the very first two films introducing new faces and talents, the present three are all star-studded and big-budgeted.

Anyone who talks with Chandra gets a feeling that he had been to the slum areas and met the smartest man there who outwardly looks dumb or dull. This is obvious because Chandra himself hails from these low-lying basties and has no reservations about it. In fact, he admits:

"*Ankush* was like our own life story. We friends had observed living as well as working in films, in the raw. Nobody knew about her and we wanted recognition. So we prepared a story of four street boys."

What was the message of *Ankush*? Did it resemble *Pratighat*?

The different characters of *Ankush* are still living in those areas, says N. Chandra whose full name is Chandra Narwekar but who has shortened it to the South's style. "We wanted to show those people, the social injustice and neglect they suffer just because they are poor or jobless. It is this discontent which gives rise to the violence of today. In *Pratighat* it was the same anger against the cruelties of the establishment, police and politics."

Chandra did not gain anything from the crores earned by *Pratighat*, as he was ignored as a mere director. That's why he did not even attend the jubilee functions. But what grievance could he have after his own *Tezzaab*?

"Well, film people just can't digest anybody's success. They began to say there is nothing in the film. It ran only because of a hit song. When elderly respected people also talk like that; one feels terrible. The film was made with so much thought and effort."

The great popularity of the *Ek Do Tees* Char song is accepted by Chandra but he argues: "It was

also filmed in unusual ways. But a song can't pull a film for 30 or 40 weeks. People can easily hear the song on cassettes or see it on video — TV. They also play and sing themselves. Why should they come to the theatres? There were many other things they wanted to see again and again. A very popular song, in fact, becomes a handicap. People make a mental picture of it in advance. If the actual picturisation does not come up to that level, the film is affected."

So for the future what have you thought, written and planned? "My *Humlaa* is almost ready. It has also been sold for all areas."

It's a strong attack on urban life and the crimes it cradles. It does have glamour and dazzle also. Dharmaendra is doing a central role and he's superb. With him are Anil Kapoor, Meenakshi, Kimi, Anupam Kher et al. The second film *Yugandhar* is also getting ready, with Mithun, Sangeeta Bijlani, Kiran Kumar, Kabir Bedi and others. It's a dacoit drama with a difference. We have put such a sensational new angle that people will be shocked. It is shaping out well. I am just writing and directing. No other headaches."

And finally on N. Chandra Production's next *Narsinha*: "It is only half complete but all distributors have bought it. No territory is open. They have faith in my work. This film has Sunny and Dimple in totally new roles, with talented new artiste Ayesha Julta, and Ravi Behl along with Om Puri. He adds: "It's a strong mind-shaking film. I have shot it in Nasik town, just like *Pratighat*."

What are Chandra's ambitions? "To make all kinds of films. People should wonder:

"Look, what a wide range has covered in his career." But only powerful themes and characters inspire me. I can pick a story from anything that happens in life, an accident, an event, and suddenly something can change it.



Amrish Puri: villain

been raided. Otherwise, he would not stand comparison with other rich and famous stars. Similarly he almost sued the producers' association for not putting him on the list of banned and busy stars and thus got himself included.

Pooja Bhatt is the latest to pose a threat to Pooja Bedi. The first girl has a famous father Mahesh (Bhatt) and a film which is itself called *Daddy*. The second girl has only one strange film *Vish Kanya* and a flop actor Kabir (Bedi) as father.

AMRISH PURI

Q. Have you forgotten your days on the professional stage? Have you given up such superb performances like *Adhe Adhure*, for ever?

- A. No, never. I consider the stage as my original source of recognition. I still do theatre like Dubey's *Teen Ekanki*. But time poses a problem. Moreover, stage acting may be very good but how many people get to know of it?
- Q. Then again, your first entry into cinema was through art films, like *Nishant*, *Akrosh* etc. Are you neglecting them now?
- A. Tell me where are the real art films? If someone does approach me then I do it, like I did the TV serial *Tamas*, though I had very little time.
- Q. You are the top villain of commercial films, being most in demand. Are you not fed up of playing the same type of roles again and again?
- A. Once it becomes a profession, you have to follow the routine. And I have no control over the writers and
- directors for what they want me to do.
- Q. But you can surely add your own contribution?
- A. I try to make the characters look as different as possible. I have my say in the make-up, get-up, garments and some peculiar mannerisms.
- Q. Did you coin the catch-phrases? Like *Mogambo Khush kua*?
- A. It was done in consultation with the writer. I make my improvising during the shooting. In *Ajooda*, I will have the popular line *Shaitan Zindabad* spoken in different ways.
- Q. Are such gimmicks necessary for villainy?
- A. I am not in favour of them. But sometimes they help the character and also catch the public fancy, like tapping of fingers on a table or winking with a smile etc

After the slogging of a few films, even Meenakshi Sheshadri is out to win directors and influence producers. She has shed her intellectual (outer) garb and tries to be mixy with the hot pollo. She could tolerate even director Anil Sharma for a couple of hours, which is a challenge to her endurance.

When Chunky Pandey's doctor parents were raided by the income-tax guys, the young brash hero went around taking pride over the fact that he had

been spared.

Continuing, he said: "What is important to me is not how much you own, but how much you work. Secondly, with the power, influence and high-level contacts I have, I can easily rebuild my wealth anew. Wealth and fortune, Ahmed, is like hair — whenever you cut it, it grows again stronger and powerful. But it is important to notice on which head this hair is growing. Please Ahmed, do not look at my head, I am bald. I am just giving you this as an example. It is important that hair is growing on a head that knows how to increase and develop money. My head is worth \$2 million.

There are many, many paintings spread on the walls. One is worth two million, another three, a third five and so on. These paintings were bought by Adnan years ago at very cheap prices — now they are worth a huge fortune.

"Thus, I have now begun arranging my affairs in accordance with my present situation. I have begun restoring my financial activity to bring about the vital issues of income and expenditure."

"In any case Adnan, till when will you continue to indulge in this luxury of palaces, yachts, private planes, wild birthday parties, dances and songs?" I asked.

"First trip

"Look Ahmed, I am not a hypocrite and will not cheat myself. As long as I have money, I will enjoy myself, since this enjoyment does not harm others.

As long as I am capable of spending, I will continue to satisfy myself, my mode of life and forming new relations and friends."

It is time to take a little from our conversation and more importantly to continue observing the hanging palace. In one of the corners I was attracted to an amazing painting. I stood in front of the painting, even

true happiness that was being threatened."

Adnan's explanation popped another question to my mind. Is it true that Khashoggi has nothing to be worried about?

No indeed. He has many issues to ponder and a lot of happiness too. But, without looking at his face — perhaps, because I do not like to read impressions, I threw him a somewhat cruel question, in a bid to ascertain what this man could lose.

"Adnan, how much money are

you worth? Some people say you

own \$2 billion, others say three

and some say more..." I asked.

Keeping the smile on his lips, without being able to hide a slight state of confusion, a controlled one, he said: "My properties and financial holdings are not exactly as what they used to be. I passed through very difficult situations and in the process lost quite a bit of my assets. The story of \$2 billion is over. Let us say now I own half a billion worth of assets."

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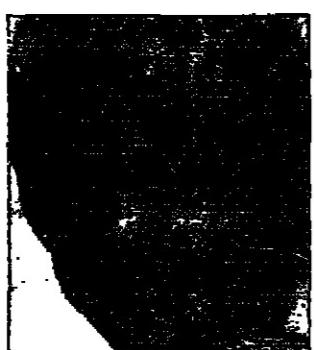
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Sara Iqbal celebrates her birthday today, September 28. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Sara goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes reading.



Christopher Schmidt celebrates his 7th birthday on September 30. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Christopher goes to the Surra English School and likes swimming.



Sana Dalvi celebrated her 4th birthday recently. Birthday greetings from parents, family and friends.

Sana likes swimming and fishing.



Abbas Syed celebrates his 5th birthday today, September 28. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Abbas goes to the International School of Pakistan and enjoys colouring.



Sarah Pereira celebrates her 3rd birthday on September 29. Happy birthday on September 30. Happy birthday from dad, mama, relatives and friends.

Sarah likes colouring.

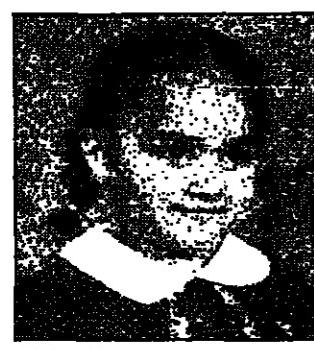


Raja Hanifi celebrates his 10th birthday on September 29. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Raja goes to the Fahheel-Pakistan School and likes swimming.



Starsky Gomes recently celebrated his second birthday. His family surprised him with his first birthday party ever! Starsky spent the evening dancing with his best friend Vanessa.



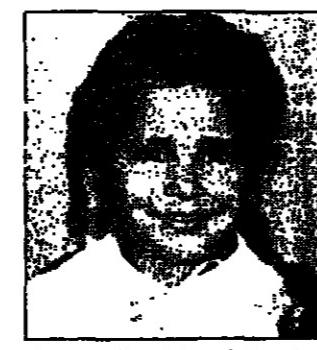
Aisha Butt celebrates her birthday on September 29. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Aisha goes to the Carmel School and likes reading and painting.



Shereen Mohiuddin celebrates her 4th birthday today, September 28. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Shereen likes ballet and dancing.



Venus David celebrates her 5th birthday on September 28. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Venus goes to Carmel School and likes swimming.



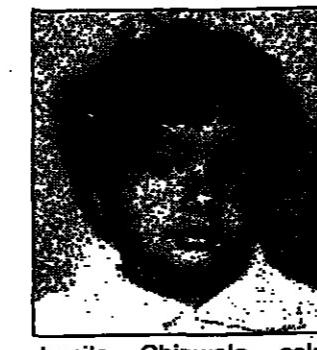
Carin D'Mello celebrates her 7th birthday today, September 28. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Carin goes to the Indian School and likes reading and cartoons.



Venitta Furtado celebrates her 6th birthday on September 30. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Venitta goes to the Carmel School and likes drawing and cartoons.



Jamila Chinwala celebrates her 3rd birthday today, September 28. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.

Jamila likes watching television.

Going to school



Fahad Al Abdel Ghani, a four-year-old Kuwaiti started his education at the New English School this year.

Fahad wants to be a doctor when he grows up.



Amani Ghazi, a 4 1/2-year-old Pakistani started her education at the International School of Pakistan this year.

Amani wants to be a doctor when she grows up.



Adnan Kasu a 2 1/2-year-old Indian, started to go to nursery school for the first time this year.

Adnan wants to be a doctor or join the C.I.D. when he grows up.

First and last

The world's first laundrette opened in America in 1934.

Margarine was first produced in 1863 as a result of a competition to find a substitute for butter.

According to Archbishop Ussher, who lived in the seventeenth century, God created the world at 9.00 am on Sunday 23 October, 4004 BC.

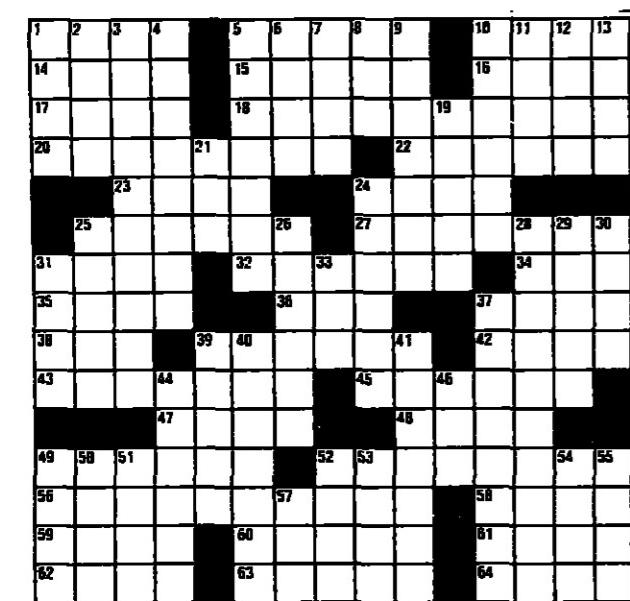
The first five of the world's tallest volcanoes are all in the Andes, the main mountain range of South America.

Morris dancing probably came from Spain in the first place, and the word 'morris' was first 'Moorish,' the ancient Spaniards were the Moors.

What comes next?

A	C	E	G	I	---
2	4	8	16	32	---
S	M	T	W	T	---
1	3	6	10	15	---
J	F	M	A	M	---

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Leaping —
- 5 Silken
- 10 Island of song
- 14 Tel —
- 15 University of Maine site
- 16 Fend
- 17 Part of Caesar's boast
- 18 Christie's sleuth
- 20 — earth
- 22 Dynamites
- 23 Rex Reed, for short
- 24 Target for Gooden
- 25 Follower
- 27 A lack of red blood cells: Var.
- 31 Blunders
- 32 Caretaker for baby
- 34 Taxing org.
- 35 Paper size
- 36 " — in the sky"
- 37 Make do, with "out"
- 38 " — Got to Be Me!"
- 39 Arab chieftains
- 42 Hawaii's state bird
- 43 Sure
- 45 Sheathing bract
- 47 Nest eggs: Abbr.
- 48 Brainstorm
- 49 Fills with resolution
- 52 Out of the ordinary
- 55 Gardner's sleuth
- 58 Devilkins
- 59 "I cannot tell —"
- 60 Bring into agreement
- 61 Treetop residence

DOWN

- 1 Mauna Loa output
- 2 Wicked
- 3 Sleuth of dime novel fame
- 4 Keeper of birds
- 5 Longitudinal body segments
- 6 — go bragh
- 7 Subject for Gertrude Stein
- 8 Office holders
- 9 Harvest machine
- 10 An acid salt
- 11 "Heidi" locale
- 12 Sprinted song
- 13 Roman calendar date
- 19 Place of worship
- 21 Diamond —
- 24 Etonians' mothers
- 25 Treasure —
- 26 Matures
- 28 Spillane sleuth
- 29 Peace goddess
- 30 African fox
- 31 Majestic
- 33 Cravat
- 37 Passing through a portal
- 39 Kind of bird
- 40 Of a noxious atmosphere
- 41 Fishing lure
- 44 Having layers
- 46 Fuss
- 49 Pair of matched horses
- 50 Distant: Comb form
- 51 Mills of the opera
- 52 That
- 53 Treat for a May Down
- 54 Lhasa —
- 55 D-day vessels
- 57 Clay, today

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ QJ1083 ♠ AK54 ♦ A106 ♣ K Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond? A.—You are going to play in game at least, but you need time to locate your best spot. Start off by responding one spade. A jump shift needs either a better suit or a powerful fit for partner's minor.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ QJ1083 ♠ AK54 ♦ A106 ♣ K The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♡ Pass 1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—It's time to show your strength. A jump shift to three hearts fits the bill nicely—second suit, strong hand, forcing to game.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ QJ1083 ♠ AK54 ♦ A106 ♣ K The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♡ Pass 1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Although partner has shown no great liking for either of your suits and there might be some duplication of values in clubs, you are still good enough for one more move. The logical choice is four diamonds, bidding out your hand pattern. If partner has a five-card diamond suit, six diamonds could be on because his club losers can be ruffed in your short-trump hand.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.



By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will at first feel rather sorry for yourself, but you will soon appreciate the remedy lies in your own hands. Stop daydreaming and be more in touch with reality. You should keep calm even in the face of provocation. Be rational.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be in a better mood than of late. Your lucky numbers are 24 and 43. Make sure you meet your obligations and avoid making empty promises. You should have a bit more faith in yourself. Be sincere.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You must try to avoid annoying others. A complicated situation could easily get worse. Do not make a promise you do not intend to keep. Be loyal.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will not be in the best of moods and must avoid getting into an argument. Make sure you get things in the right proportion do not confuse what is important and what is not.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should make sure you do not lose sight of reality. There is a danger of allowing work to interfere with your most personal life. You should stay out of an argument between a friend and his partner. Be tolerant.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have lots of doors open to you but you could all too easily choose the wrong one. If you expect something for nothing you will be sorely disappointed. You will have plenty of energy but must conserve it. Be tactful.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

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Word search

A DRIVING LESSON

Driving lessons can be fun, especially if your instructor isn't good. In the hands of a clever instructor, though, all should go smoothly. With a bit of luck, you'll get through the first test on the first try!

AUTO	CAR	HAND SIGNALS	PEDESTRIANS	SLOW	TRAFFIC
BLINKER	BLINKERS	BRAKE	CAUTION	CHANGING	COASTING
CROSS-ROAD	DODGE	DRIVER	DRIVING	DRIVING LESSON	DRIVING TEST
DUAL CONTROL	EASING	EDDIE	EDDIES	EDDIES	EDDIES
EYE EXAMINATION	OPERATOR	PAKING	PEDAL	PEDALS	PEDALS
GEAR UP	GEAR UP	GEARS	GEARS	GEARS	GEARS
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Dear Junior Readers,

Reading plays a very important role in one's life. You gain lots and lots of knowledge from books, magazines and newspapers.

You can learn about how different people live, what all these famous people did to enter our many history books. You can gain experience to get yourself out of a sticky situation (just like a hero or heroine). You can discover how to put a single object into many uses; making life more exciting and much easier. You can even learn about the different types of policies used by various countries. I suppose it is clear that there is so much knowledge you can gain from reading.

Verbally, reading, unconsciously assists in improving spelling, pronouncing words correctly and adding new words to your personal vocabulary.

If you enjoy reading, do not let new words go astray. Keep a dictionary at arm's level at all times and dot down the new words with their meanings. Try to repeat the words at least ten times throughout the day in different sentences.

To help pronounce words correctly, read out loud, if an adult is present, let him or her be your listener. If you are corrected on a certain word, repeat the word several times before moving on.

Reading is great fun, it is a shame to forget about such a wonderful time passer...

Manal.

The girouse

If we use our imagination, we can make-up very, very strange things. We can mix animals together just like the girouse below. What does she look like? Colour her pretty...



A GIROUSE is part giraffe, part mouse.

The School Bully

By Julie Hodgson

"Give me that, or I'll thump you," demanded Clive. "No, why should I?" David shouted.

Clive could not believe that David had said "no" to him. David continued before Clive could start.

"You leave me alone, just because you are bigger than me, does not give you the right to bully me—DOES it? No wonder you have no friends, you never will have neither—if you carry on like this!" David was feeling very angry, by now.

Clive went to hit David, but David's fist punched Clive right on the nose. Clive looked shocked someone had actually stood up to him? To David's amazement, Clive

ran off crying. All David's friends cheered him. David was small in size, but he was big inside, and showed courage.

That evening, he told his mum what had happened, his mum was very proud of him. She told him that, bullies are usually cowards underneath, and never ever be afraid to tell your parents or a teacher. It is very wrong to be bullied, as well as be a bully.



How many loaves of bread like this can you find in the picture?

IT'S amazing

The magician's trick has not worked very well. Can you help this poor rabbit to find his way back to the top hat?



Amazing facts

A Brisbane (Australian) woman was eating an oyster when she bit on a pearl 7 mm in diameter.

The eggs of the female Goeldi's frog of South America are held on her back in folds of skin.

The Basque word for God is 'Jingo.'

In the Buddhist temple at Nara in Japan there is a statue of Buddha that was cast over 1,200 years ago. It weighs 452 tons and is the largest bronze statue in the world.

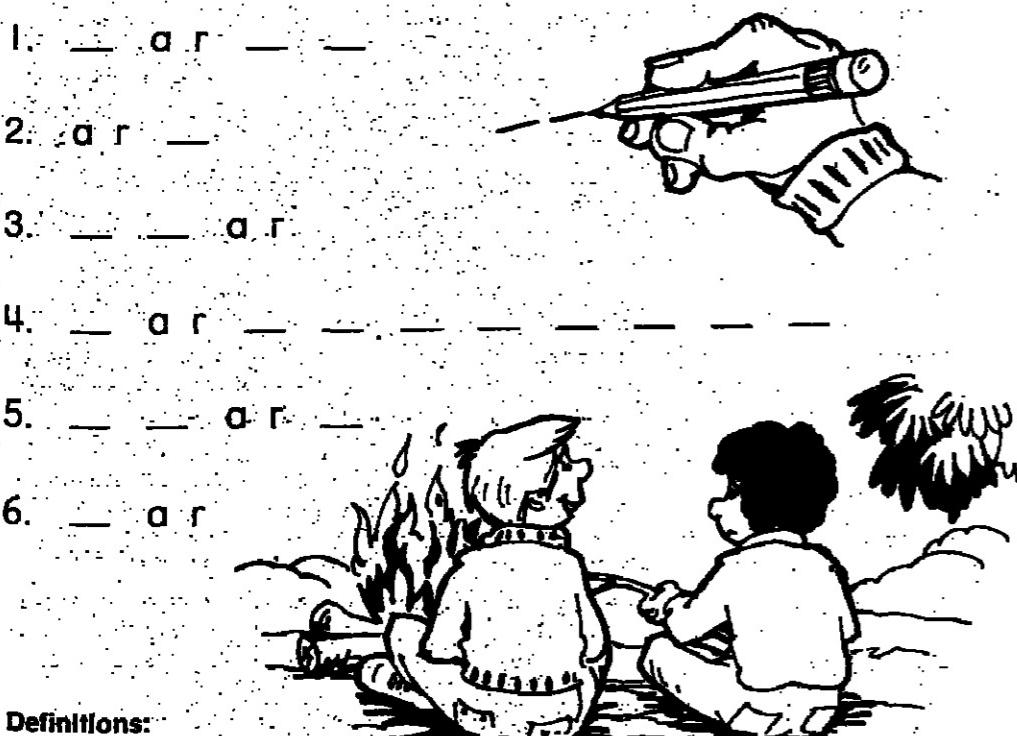
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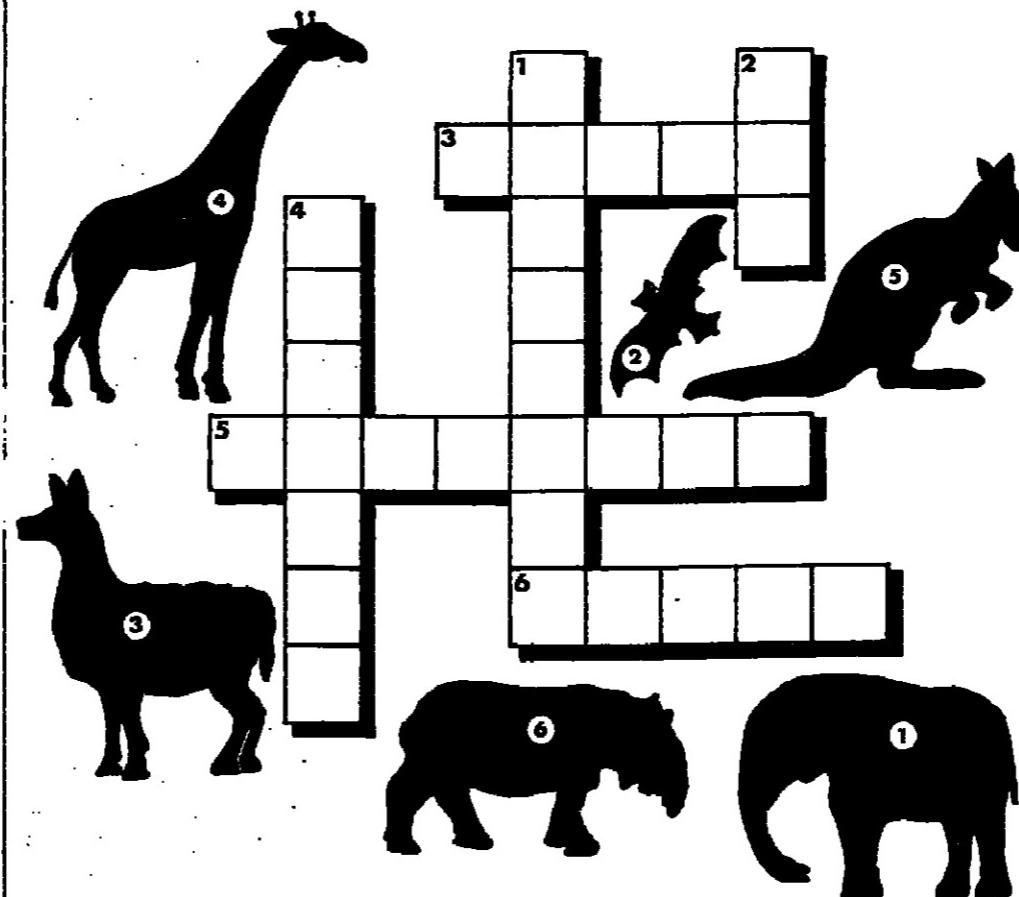
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 2. Fun with crayons, paint and clay.
 3. A bright flickering light in the night sky.
 4. Something soft, white, good to eat, that you can roast over a fire.
 5. Something in your body that pumps blood and beats.
 6. Has four wheels and a motor.

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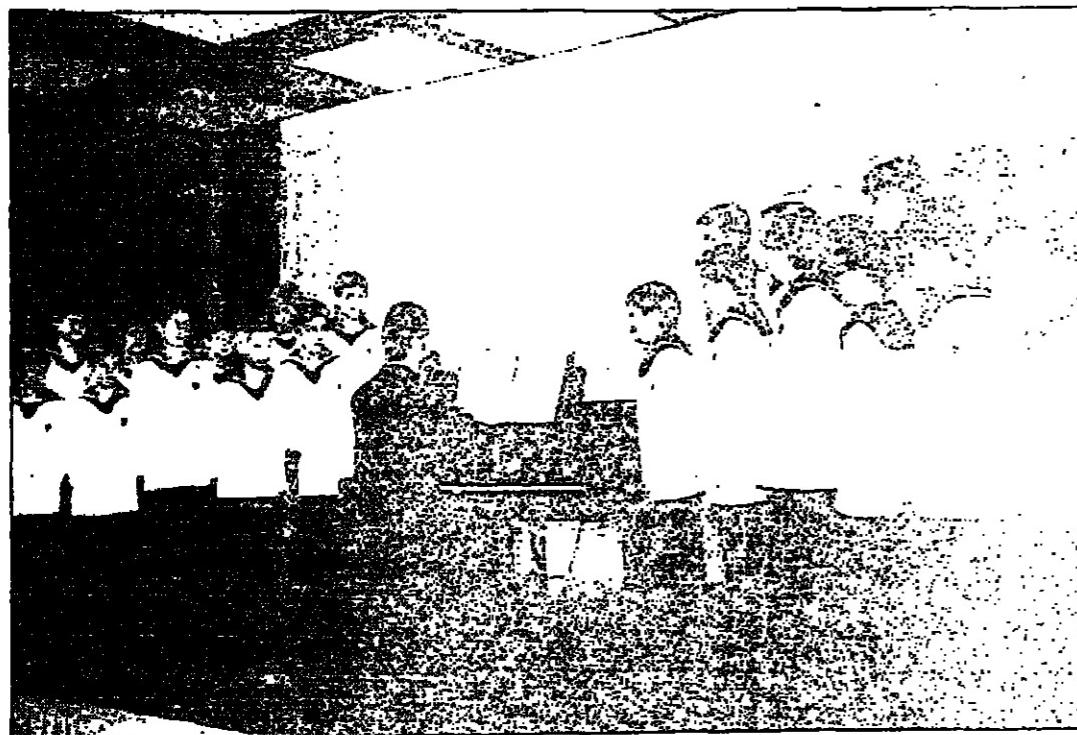
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EVENTS



Conductor Georg Stangelberger and the Vienna Boys Choir

A superb performance

By Jasranka Porter
Arab Times staff

THE Vienna Boys Choir delivered their 90-minute programme of choral music, operetta and folk songs on Tuesday night with charm and skill to a packed audience that rewarded it with enthusiastic applause.

The boys, aged between eight and 14, their voices delicate and pure, tackled the task that is far from child's play. They sang music written by greatest of composers, Mozart, Verdi and Schubert. They are children drawn into the world of adults, taught and expected to deliver with a discipline and professionalism of an adult. And their performance was admirably adequate to the task.

But it is the freshness and spontaneity that only children can bring to a performance that add a special value to a concert like the one of Tuesday night. One was almost relieved to see a flicker of amusement on some of the boys' faces at a wrongly timed applause. The tension and eagerness to do well, written all over their faces, was diffused by occasional fidgeting and brief and unadulterated remarks they exchanged in between songs. It was not a group of little robots performing, it was 22 extremely talented and hard-working boys who, if not playing, were at least having a good time on the stage.

During the performance the director of the institute the boys belong Dr Walter Tautsching, once a choir boy himself, was jotting down some notes on a pad. Whatever he had to say to the boys after the performance, let's hope that his remarks won't take away from the spontaneity of the shows to come.

It has been said before that the secret of the Vienna Boys Choir success is in that it manages to combine innocence of childhood with artistic maturity. This is particularly true of the boys voices,

sopranos and altos. Nature has endowed these young boys, but apparently not the girls, with voices of ethereal beauty.

Tautsching said at a press meeting prior to the concert that when girls sing they basically make noise. "A girl's soprano is something like hell. A woman's soprano has a measure of exaltation." He added.

The boys' voices may lack power and the sensuous quality that women singers can convey. But they have the refinement and purity usually associated with spiritual values of highest order.

This was amply demonstrated on Tuesday night in a musically and thematically complex programme. One wonders whether another mother could have sung a more sweet-sounding full set than one of the choir's sopranos.

The programme of 18th and 19th century church music was balanced by a one-act opera, Hansel and Gretel, and a potpourri of Austrian folk songs.

Performing Engelbert Humperdinck's opera based on a fairy tale about a brother and sister, Hansel and Gretel, who get lost in the woods, the boys exchanged their sailor suits for colourful costumes and made a valiant attempt at acting. In this a 12-year-old boy called Erwin was most successful. His portrayal of the witch was brilliant and elicited laughter and applause from the audience.

The choir's superb performance was much more appreciated as the boys sang, perspiring and panting down their foreheads, in a hall at the Kuwait International Hotel where temperature steadily rose through the concert. The air-conditioning system was switched off to prevent noise interference.

The Vienna Boys Choir is returning to Kuwait after their Gulf tour, for another performance on Oct 4.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

RTV 1

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al Daye: Arabic serial (Final Part)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.05 Achlah Wa Mlah: local daily serial (Final Part)
- 12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.15 Circus: Foreign programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Sports Programme: local programme
- 3.15 Religious Programme
- 3.30 Children Stories: cartoon serial
- 4.00 Cartoons
- 4.30 Al Qodhban: local feature (Part two and Final), starring Ibrahim Al Salal, Hayat Al Fahad and Ghanem Al Saleh
- 6.00 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements
- 6.30 Cultural Film
- 7.30 Egypt: Information Message to the State of Kuwait
- 8.00 Variety
- 8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme,

prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkoor

9.00 Arabic News

10.00 Babil Habibati: Arabic feature film, starring Yahya Al Fakhri, Hind Mael, Samah Anwar and Sami Qafizan

12.00 Thursday Late Night Show

1.15 News Summary

1.20 The World Today via Satellite

1.50 Holy Quran and Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite Special Variety
- 10.30 Al Abadeh Al Mawdoo: Religious Programme, presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael
- 11.00 Live from The Grand Mosque for the Friday Prayer and speeches
- 12.30 Alwan: Variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares and presented by Fatema Abdul Wahab
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Friday Break: Variety Programme
- 3.30 Cartoons
- 4.00 Khan Batran: Arabic play, starring Wajeh Abu Ghani, Ghazwa
- 8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme,

Al Khaledi, Rasm Al Jamili and Asaad Al Razeq

6.00 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements

7.00 KTV in a week: News Programme

7.30 KTV Programmes in a week

8.15 Special Popular Variety

8.40 Hadeeth Al Ostco: Religious Programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar

9.00 Arabic News

9.45 Wrestling

10.30 Kalemah: Variety Programme, with Show Guest Mahmoud Mursi

11.45 News Summary

11.50 The World Today via Satellite

12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Real Ghost-Busters: A cartoon series for Children
- 6.30 Take Hart: "Contrast" An Educational and cultural Programmes for Children
- 7.00 Animals Of The Great North West: Animal actions Sur Le Vip Birds singing as a means for keeping in touch with their mates and maintaining their
- 12.15 News in Brief
- 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

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- 7.00 T. And T. Wendell's Story. Wendell finds a bag full of money and starts distributing its contents among passers-by.
- 7.00 Walt Disney: "Mom's On Strike" A wife decides to go on strike and stop working in the house... Her husband and children have to do the house work... How long can they go on...
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Summer Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait...
- 8.45 Around The World
- 9.15 Miami Vice "To Have And To Hold" A man is murdered immediately after his marriage ceremony where one of his competitors is accused and the police team has to find the real murderer.
- 10.00 Valerie: "Shape Up And Move"
- 10.30 Movie "Desert Pals" An influential person selects a dashing youngman as a chief of the police department hoping that he may exploit him for personal interests...
- 11.30 News in Brief
- 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus	Friday
Nuts	Al Andalus
Salmiya Hall Booked	Nuts
Al Hamra	Salmiya
Arabic film	Hall Booked
Drive-In	Al Hamra
Arabic film	Arabic film
Al Firdous	Drive-In
Batwara	Arabic film
Fahsheel Open	Al Firdous
Data	Batwara
Fahsheel	Fahsheel Open
Duraj Kumar	Data
Al Jahra	Fahsheel
Arabic film	Duraj Kumar
Granada	Al Jahra
Thor the Conqueror	Jungle Assault
Sulabhikhat	Granada
Arabic film	Pyar kiya jaa
Jeeb	Sulabhikhat
Ustaad	Iron angels
	Jeeb
	Arabic film



Around the World: Bob Krushaar of Holland and Marina Peleiro of France have driven 25,000 kms across two continents on their adventure. So far they have already taken them to 14 countries including Cyprus, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The couple, who are driving a converted 1982 4-cylinder Magirus Deutz fire-fighter van, are on a month's tourist visa in Kuwait before continuing their journey to the UAE, Pakistan, India, Nepal, China and Russia.

Their ambition is to go "Around the World." But for now, they are content meeting as many people as they can in all the countries they visit. Their travel message: "There is one country — the world; one people — the human being; and one religion — love." At the moment, they are awaiting for visa clearance to enter the UAE, where they hope to spend at least a month. "We spend an average of €0.75 days in each country," they said. (Photograph by Tamim Saleh)

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum: OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays. Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; and 4.00 pm to 7 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts. Qur'anic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum:

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Friday: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House:

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Nithrasae: A dance programme will be held at the Indian Art Circle Auditorium, Funainies on Friday, 29 September at 8.30 pm. All are invited.

Sengali Musical Dance Drama:

Nakshi Katha in English. The Field of the Embroidered Quilt by famous Bangladeshi poet Jasmuddin will be staged at the Star Light Theatre, Doha Entertainment City on Friday 2 and 3 by Moushika.

For details please contact Tel: 4744490, 4893424, 4315915, 3713923, 3625436, 4742656.

St Paul's weekend:

St Paul's weekend Thurs 5th to Sun 8th October, a weekend of fellowship and沉思. Held in both the city and in Ahmadi. No charge, for details and information ring 3885924. Kuwait Welsh Society

A social evening will be held on Thursday 5th October, 1989, at 8 pm. A Buffet Supper will be served. For details ring 3912384/3721383, 3625316.

Filcheck logo:

THE Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait "Filcheck" announces the start of the search for its club logo. The contest is open to all club members and

officers. The artwork must be about 8-10 cm. in height and width. Selection of the winning logo will be based on the following criteria: Creativity and Originality - 50%, Theme Execution - 30% and Visual Impact 20%. Entries must be submitted at FILCHECK headquarters or Kabayan Restaurant on or before 26 September 1989. The lucky winner will be announced during the opening of Filcheck's first active chess tournament on 29 September 1989. The winner will receive valuable prizes courtesy of Sony Supplying Store. For more details contact Edward 2421868 or 2402405.

Colva Nite:

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tele. 2413884/2434776/5629141/4310913 after 5 pm.

German Speakers Cultural Association:

AFTER the summer holidays, the regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will start again on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am, at the Kuwait International Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

Breeze 89:

Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casmir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Vienna Boys Choir:

The Vienna Boys Choir will be performing again at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 4 with a new repertoire. Tickets are available at the reception KD8.000 for adults and KD5.000 for children under 12 years. Tel: 2550000/2533000.

Moods & Melody:

"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts

Circle auditorium, Funainies at 7.00 pm. For more details contact Tel: 4338579 and 2407418, after 4.00 pm.

LIL newcomers coffee: Ladies International League (LIL) newcomer's coffee: Interested in joining an international women's group? Come to newcomers coffee on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am. Call Mrs Neera at 3914503 or 3916939, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm for details.

Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmad:

Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Magic show:

NOV 10: Expatriates Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Mariano will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details.

Kuwait Players:

Kuwait Players now auditioning for an extremely funny comedy/farce (to be staged in Nov). Auditions at Messilah Beach Hotel Al Foz Room on Saturday Sept 30 from 7.15 pm. Why not give it a whirl? Ring 5625396 for more information.

The British Council:

STORY-TELLING sessions: At the British Council library on Thursday September 28, at 10.30. Children of all nationalities of ages 3-7 are invited. Come and enjoy the magic books with a professional storyteller.

No charge for admission but parents are advised to reserve a place for their children. We look forward to seeing you.

Sheba Sound:

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

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Australians earn pay rises after Ashes win

MELBOURNE, Sept. 27. (Reuters): Australia's Test cricketers have earned a 20 percent pay rise following their 4-0 thrashing of England on the recent Ashes tour.

The Australian Cricket Board said players would each be paid \$3,300 dollars (\$2,500) per Test in the 1989/90 season compared with \$2,750 dollars (\$2,100) last season.

Australia play one Test against New Zealand, two against Sri Lanka and three against Pakistan this season.

Payments for one-day matches have risen to 1,100 dollars (\$800) from 900 dollars (\$700).

Players, many of whom are under contract to the board, can also earn extra money through incentives and sponsorship deals.

The board announced after its annual meeting that former Test umpire Colin Eggar, who managed Australia's tour of Pakistan last year, would succeed Malcolm Gray as board chairman.

Gray retires at the end of his three-year term. The Australian team threatened to break off their tour of Pakistan in disgust at umpiring decisions. They lost the three-match tour 1-0.

And in London, rejected all-rounder Ian

Botham yesterday predicted England would suffer a five-nil whitewash on their cricket tour of West Indies next year.

He refused to comment on his own exclusion but was particularly critical of the decision not to select former captain David Gower.

"I find it amazing Gower has been left out. Whoever is responsible for that decision will live to regret it," he said.

"You need experience out there. You don't go to the best arena in the world and not take your best players available."

"My heart wishes them well, but my brain

tells me 5-0."

Botham was also scathing about the decision by selection chief Ted Dexter to replace Gower with Graham Gooch.

"Six months ago the chairman of the selectors described the present captain as having as much charisma as a wet fish, and all summer he said Gower was the man for him."

The 33-year-old all-rounder, speaking at a press conference to launch a speaking tour of Britain, also said he would not now be available as a late replacement if one were needed for the tour which begins in January.

Glasnost brings changes to sport

MOSCOW, Sept. 27. (AP): Vladimir Geskin may be the only sports writer who covered the 1984 Summer Olympics without going to Los Angeles. In fact, he never even made it to North America.

Geskin, who works for the world's largest sports newspaper, covered the Games in the Soviet port city of Tallinn. Politics prevented him from getting any closer to Games boycotted by the Soviet Union.

But that was before the days of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and his policy of glasnost or openness. Now, Geskin says, he can write about anything he decides is of interest to the 5.2 million daily readers of Sovetskij Sport.

"It is just impossible to compare the working conditions then and now," said Geskin, the paper's deputy editor-in-chief. "Now I can say anything I'm thinking. Five years ago, it was just impossible."

Gorbachev, the Soviet leader since 1985, has radically changed what his compatriots are allowed to read and write. Once simply the organ of Goskomsport, the state sports committee, Sovetskij Sport no longer devotes most of its space to tales of successful Soviet and East bloc athletes.

The paper now is a saucy and often sardonic chronicler of issues that include drug scandals and alcoholism among top Soviet athletes. In July, Sovetskij Sport revealed for the first time that dozens of fans had died in a 1982 soccer stadium crush.

"I cannot imagine that I could have written in 1984 that it would be a mistake for the Soviet Union to not be in Los Angeles, though I thought that," Geskin said through a translator.

"My chief editor would not have allowed that. In any case he would have called Goskomsport or the Central Committee of the Communist Party," he said. "Now, the chief editor would not get any idea of calling."

Geskin, 37, chain-smokes his way through an interview, occasionally stopping to answer one of the three phones — red, white and blue — on his cluttered desk. An ancient manual typewriter sits to one side and press passes from events around the world cover the walls.

His chief editor calls on the blue phone and Geskin argues loudly about a story planned for the next day's paper, about a junior basketball player who was loaded with vitamins by a trainer.

Geskin assures his boss it has been checked and rechecked for accuracy.

"In the past, if some of our sportsmen defected to the West, then we would be as dumb as a fish oil," he said.

"Now, one idiot weightlifter defects to Turkey (during the recent World Championships in Athens) and we devoted our front page to this event."

"The difference is we no longer feel like the newspaper of Goskomsport or the central committee," he said, breaking into English to proclaim: "We feel ourselves free."

Sovetskij Sport still is the official newspaper of Goskomsport and Geskin is a member of the Communist Party, but he said his main pressure now comes from readers and competing papers.

"The problem in the Soviet Union now is that every newspaper is seeing how far it can go and we have to keep up with them," Geskin said. "Now we even have sensations and scandals, maybe more than necessary. Our newspaper now is very critical of everything and the readers love it."

Geskin remembers how newspapers were forbidden from writing about Muhammad Ali in the early 1980. The US boxer visited the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's home in 1979, and was a frequent subject of Soviet newspaper stories. But Soviets stopped writing about him the following year after he urged nations to join the US boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

Geskin receives a monthly salary of \$380 roubles, equivalent to about \$600 a month at the official conversion rate but actually worth only about \$30 because of the weak ruble.

"Every day when I come to work I see a sign offering bus drivers 390 roubles a month," he said. "I can't understand that."

Sovetskij Sport has about 60 reporters in Moscow and 30 scattered around the Soviet Union, as well as up to 300 stringers based as far away as New York and Los Angeles. It is published in 56 cities, beamed across the country by a satellite.

It covers 98 sports and faces the daily challenge of meeting the needs of widely varying readers.

Sports fans in Lithuania favour basketball, while hockey is big in Leningrad and Moscow. Estonians like cycling, wrestling is tops in the Caucasus mountains and readers in the Asian republics want coverage of equestrian sports.

Cubs take NL East title

Dodgers cut Giants down to size

MONTREAL, Sept. 27. (AP): The magic number for the Chicago Cubs is 1989.

The Cubs, given hardly a chance at the start of the year, overcame injuries and a strong field and capped their season of surprises by clinching the National League East championship last night.

Chicago won its second division title six seasons, beating Montreal 3-2 soon after second-place St Louis lost. And the Cubs celebrated in style, toasting themselves with one of the wildest and wittiest clubhouse parties.

"You can't beat this. Nothing is better than the present," said Ryne Sandberg, the only everyday starter left, from Chicago's Last Division championship in 1984.

The Cubs became the first team to guarantee a spot in the playoffs of Major League baseball in North America. An amazing turnaround for a club that went 77-83 last year and then stumbled to a 9-23 spring-training record.

Sandberg's dash home in the eighth made Don Zimmer a champion for the first time in 11 years of managing, and also made meaningless a season-ending, three-game series in St Louis.

The Cubs will open the playoffs next Wednesday night at their home stadium, Wrigley Field, all but certainly against San Francisco. The Cubs and Giants split 12 games this year.

"This is my 41st year in baseball and a lot of good things and a lot of bad things have hap-

pened to me," the champagne-soaked Zimmer said. "But this tops everything that I've ever done in the game."

After Mike Fitzgerald made the final out of the game, the Cubs darted out of the dugout and met in celebration at the

mound.

Greg Maddux, 19-12, allowed

seven hits in 8 1-3 innings and

Mitch Williams got two outs for

his 36th save. Maddux is second

in the League in victories, one

behind Houston's Mike Scott.

Dodgers 2, Giants 1.

The San Francisco Giants mis-

sed a chance to clinch the

National League West cham-

pionship for the second straight

day, losing again to Los Angeles.

Dodgers rookie Ramon Mar-

inez, 6-4, allowed four hits in

8 2-3 innings and Jay Howell got

the last out for his 27th save.

Martinez struck out 11 and

walked two.

The Giants' magic number for

clinching their Second Division

title in three years remained at

one as second-place San Diego

beat Cincinnati 3-1 earlier in

the night to move within four games of San Francisco.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 5.

Wade Boggs singled twice in

an eight-run first inning rally and

raised his average to .332. He

trails Minnesota's Kirby Puckett

by 11 points and Oakland's Carney Lansford by five in the AL

battting race.

Boston, which won for the

10th time in 11 games, got runs

from eight different players in the

first inning. Eight different

players drove in runs, too.

Twins 7, White Sox 1.

Rick Aguilera, 3-5, matched

his career-best with a three-hitter

and Gene Larkin and Kirby

Puckett hit two-run homers.

Puckett had two hits, raising his

average to .343.

Mariners 3, Indians 2.

Scott Bradley tied the score

332.

Boggs (right): raised average to

.332.

Stewart ready for fight

Holyfield wants Tyson's title

Brooklyn, saying "It's just another press conference to me." But his eyes briefly lit at the suggestion Tyson might make a surprise appearance. Spectators with such hopes lined the approach to the banquet hall, but Tyson did not show.

The forgotten figure was Stewart, who has been criticised for fighting no-names. He is the second-ranked contender by World Boxing Association

but not rated in the top 10 by the World Boxing Council or International Boxing Federation, all of which rank Holyfield first.

"It's natural that they'd look past me," said Stewart, nicknamed "The Destroyer." "You can see right now they don't think of Alex Stewart, they think of Alex Stewart as the weakest link to a title. Well, so did 24 other people."

Holyfield, the former cruiserweight champion, is 22-0 with 18 knockouts. He won much respect on his way up, particularly with a 10-round technical knockout of former champion Michael Dokes last March.

Holyfield said his toughest bout was against Dwight Muhammad Qawi in which he scored an upset in his 12th professional fight to take the two-time champion's junior heavyweight title.

A cardboard statue of Tyson stood in front of the dais, a banner proclaiming the name of the event, "The backyard barbecue," drew a smile from the two-time champion's junior heavyweight title.

Stewart admits he hasn't had "tough, tough fights."

"I've had difficult points, I was knocked down once by Lorenzo Canady of Canada," he said.

Holyfield claimed no part of the field trip to

Petrovic may miss matches

PORTLAND, Oregon, Sept. 27. (UPI): The Portland Trail Blazers announced that multimillion-dollar Yugoslav basketball star Drazen Petrovic will undergo back surgery today and likely will miss his first NBA training camp and pre-season games.

Team doctor Robert Cook said yesterday that Petrovic had experienced a recurrence of sciatic pain in his lower back.

"Further evaluation and consulta-

tion led to the decision to surgically remove a disk fragment from the low

back area," Cook said.

Petrovic will be in the hospital for

about two days. Cook said he expects the 6-foot-5 guard to gradually return to basketball activities in the next few weeks.

Trail Blazer president Harry Glickman said he expects Petrovic to play this season.

"Hopefully, he is going to be ready by the start of the season," Glickman said. "The bad news is that he will miss the training camp and pre-season play which, in his particular case, could be really critical."

Glickman added that the long-range forecast for Petrovic's recovery was "very optimistic" and he expects the guard to "produce for the Trail Blazers this season."

Even the WBA would rather have nothing to do with the white South African boxer.

The WBA has prohibited Mitchell from boxing in his own country, forcing him to defend his title abroad eight times since knocking out Alfredo Layne three years ago.

This week, the Maine chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, the transafrica group, the Maine Project on Southern Africa and local students have called for a boycott and say they will demonstrate outside the arena.

Several Maine anti-apartheid groups are planning to protest

against the fight — in the same

building about three hours north

of Boston where Muhammad

Ali beat Sonny Liston 25

years ago — because of South

Africa's racial segregation policies.

Even the WBA would rather have

nothing to do with the white

South African boxer.

Two weeks after Mitchell first

won the title on Sept. 27, 1986, the

WBA joined the World Boxing

Council (WBC) in banning

SPORTS

NFL clears Solt's return to Eagles

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27, (AP): Guard Ron Solt will be permitted to return immediately to the Philadelphia Eagles, ending a four-week suspension by the National Football League for testing positive for steroids.

The Eagles said yesterday that the NFL had cleared Solt to return to the active roster.

Coach Buddy Ryan said the club has received a one-week roster exemption for the former pro bowl guard, who was suspended Aug. 29. Solt will be allowed to practice with the team during that time, but no one would have to be cut from the roster to make room for him.

"I want him in here right away, getting in shape and getting ready to play some football," Ryan said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to play some for us this week."

"Ron is going to have to win back the right guard spot though. Ben Tamborello has been doing the job in there that we knew he was capable of and I'm sure he's not going to want to step aside without putting up a fight."

Eagles president Harry Gamble said "if there is good to be found in Ron's suspension, I hope he has learned a lesson from this, and perhaps others have, too."

Peru score first win of tournament

CURITIBA, Brazil, Sept. 27, (AP): Peru's men's team and Venezuela's women's team, both previously winless, scored their first victories yesterday in the South American Volleyball Championship.

Peru surprised Colombia, which had won its first two tournament matches, taking three straight games.

Colombia was the favourite going into the match, but Peru played aggressively and dominated from start to finish, winning 15/6, 15/7 and 15/5.

The Venezuelans, who took third place in the 1987 championship, had been a disappointment in this year's tournament.

But the team played superbly against Uruguay, winning 15/6, 13/15, 15/5 and 15/4, in a match that lasted little over an hour.

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Johnson (right) waves to the crowd after breaking the record in Seoul.

argument, pointing out the test results indicated a pattern of long-term steroid use. Early on Sept. 27, at another meeting in the hotel, Johnson's gold medal was taken back — the medal he had dedicated to "my mom and all the people of Canada."

It wasn't his for long. Less than 36 hours later, there was trouble. Carol Anne Letheren, head of the Canadian team, received a letter from the International Olympic Committee saying that Johnson had tested positive for the banned steroid, stanozolol.

She and other Canadian officials met with a stunned Johnson and coach Charlie Francis at the Seoul Hilton. Johnson and Francis denied any wrongdoing.

Later that day, a second test of Johnson's urine was performed. The result again was positive. Meetings were held between Canadian and IOC officials, with the Canadians suggesting Johnson was the victim of sabotage.

But the IOC rejected the

Olympics, but after shocks rocked Seoul for days.

The Korean Herald, one of the country's two English-language newspapers, came out with a two-page extra edition. The screaming headline said it all: "Ben Johnson stripped of gold for dope; medal goes to Lewis."

A banner hanging from one balcony in the athletes' village read: "From hero to zero in 9.79." Johnson jokes quickly made the rounds, most of them racist and many of them questioning the man's intelligence.

In the past year, the shy, Jamaican-born sprinter has been through an emotional upheaval sparked by what may well be remembered as the biggest drug scandal in amateur sports.

By the time reporters caught up with him at Seoul's Kimpo Airport, he was surrounded by a phalanx of police who were charged with escorting him to his New York-bound plane.

Johnson was soon gone from



Ben Johnson being escorted by his sister as he leaves Seoul in disgrace

Judge Ian MacDonnell said in handing down the sentence.

During testimony at a federal inquiry into drug use in amateur sports — an investigation spawned by his positive test at Seoul — Johnson cited a Jamaican proverb when asked about his life now.

"If I've lost friends now, they were friends I didn't need," he said. "In Jamaica, we say there are two types of friends — the ones who help you plant trees and the ones who just come to sit under them."

Then one month ago, Johnson was given a conditional discharge and placed on probation for one year after pleading guilty to assault. That charge resulted from an incident in which Johnson pointed a starter's pistol at another motorist on a Toronto highway two weeks after he returned from Seoul.

"A certain degree of compassion must go to Mr. Johnson."

Johnson is, however, taking his anti-drug crusade to the public. Sunday, exactly one year after his race at Seoul, he, McKoy and Williams were part of a police anti-drug campaign at a Toronto shopping mall.

"A friend of mine who is a lawyer asked me if I was interested and I said it sounded like a good idea," McKoy said. "And they asked if Ben might be interested and he was."

McKoy, who testified at the inquiry that he used banned steroids briefly in 1987, conceded there were some people who questioned the sincerity of the trio.

"Some people will, some people won't," said McKoy. Canada's top high hurdler for a decade. "The people who want us to come back will believe in us."

McKoy was suspended in January by the Canadian Track and Field Association for two years because he left Seoul without running on the relay team.

These days, the trio work out most mornings on stationary bikes and in the weight room at a Toronto fitness club.

Johnson has no coach to replace Francis, who is under suspension by the Canadian Track and Field Association, with pay. Last fall, when Johnson worked out at the track at York University, Percy Duncan, a sprinter who was a contemporary of Jesse Owens and is 72 years old, offered Johnson some guidance.

Johnson looks trim and fit and his physical appearance has changed little since Seoul. He maintains 175 pounds (79 kilograms) on his 5-foot-9 frame and is still capable of bench-pressing 420 pounds (190 kilograms) and squat-lifting 600 pounds (272 kilograms).

In the months after Seoul, three youngsters sent Johnson gold medals they had won. His oldest sister, Dezreine, answers fan letters and Johnson has signed more than 2,000 posters to mail to children who have written him.

"I want to tell them to be honest," Johnson says. "Don't take drugs. It happened to me. I've been there. I know what it's like to cheat."

Judge raps Celtics for luring top Yugoslav

BOSTON, Sept. 27, (UPI): A federal judge ruled yesterday that Yugoslavian star Dino Radja is contractually bound to his former team and scolded the Boston Celtics for their lack of "sportsmanship" in luring the 6-foot-10 (2.07 m) forward.

Judge Douglas Woodlock ruled that Radja's contract with Jugoplastika is valid and granted the Yugoslavian team a temporary injunction to prevent Radja from playing or practising with the Celtics.

Imposition of the injunction was suspended until 5 pm Oct. 5, the day before the Celtics' training camp opens, giving the Boston team time to appeal a move it is considering.

Radja said that regardless of any final ruling, he will not return to Yugoslavia "and I won't change my mind." The court decision solidifies Jugoplastika's bargaining position if they wish to sell the rights to Radja's services.

Celtics general manager Jan Volk said as he left the courtroom, "From everything I had been told, this (contract) is not enforceable in Yugoslavia." After listening to Woodlock's detailed reasons for his decision, Volk said "only a fool would adopt an air of confidence after this."

Woodlock, citing the interests of the common good, castigated the Celtics for their actions, saying the team did not follow the precepts of sports.

"Sports have a way of teaching us their important lessons: the way in which people conduct themselves. The way in which youngsters view what is appropriate and what isn't appropriate is shaped to a large degree by the concept of sportsmanship," the judge said.

He said the Celtics' actions were contrary to basic standards of fair play.

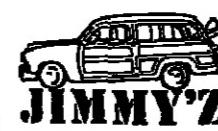
The ability to be the highest bidder (and) to reach into a stocked pond and poach from it is not a lesson that seems to be in the public interest," stated Woodlock. "People make agreements, those are promises — promises should be enforced."

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SPORTS

Capriati to play professional tournament at 13

NEW YORK, Sept 27. (Reuter): Teenage sensation Jennifer Capriati can play in her first professional tournament before her 14th birthday under a rules change, the Women's International Professional Tennis Council said yesterday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Amateur boxing

MOSCOW, Sept 27. (AP): A total of 11 Soviet fighters advanced to the semifinals of the World Amateur Boxing Championships after bouts yesterday. Cuban boxers won their other two bouts and now have seven semi-finalists. Semi-finalists are assured of bronze medals.

Doping tests

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 27. (Kun): Five athletes — four male and one female — who failed doping tests in the recent 13th SEA Games are from Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) president Hamzah Abu Samah, said here today. He, however, "refused to divulge the names of all the five."

Climbers disappear

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Sept 27. (AP): Two South Koreans disappeared on their way down from summit after conquering the 7,939-metre (26,040-foot) Mount Annapurna II, Nepal's Ministry of Tourism said today.

Australians win

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 27. (Kun): The Australian pair Ross Dunkerton and Steve McKinnon powered their way to victory in the four-day 1,400 km 13th Rally of Malaysia which ended here yesterday.

Monteiro Trophy

THE Monteiro Hockey Trophy will be played on a league cum knock-out basis and games scheduled for tomorrow are as follows: 4 pm Unity vs Starworld, 4 pm Kwt Ind. (Black) vs Pak XI. Teams should be present 15 minutes before bully off time.

Yacht race

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay, Sept 27. (AP): The New Zealand yacht Steinlager 2 was reported well ahead of its nearest competitors yesterday and ending the end of the first leg of the 33,000-mile (53,000-kilometre) fifth Whitbread Round-The-World race.

Club challenge

NEW YORK, Sept 27. (AP): Teams from 14 countries popped champagne bottles in New York yesterday to launch this year's International Yacht Club challenge, which begins Friday in New York harbour.

GP driver

BONN, Sept 27. (UPI): Confusion persisted around West German Formula One Grand Prix Driver Christian Danner, who was reportedly sacked by Rial team, but maintains he does not know anything about the dismissal.

Portuguese star

LONDON, Sept 27. (UPI): Portuguese soccer star Jorge Rodas has joined his former manager Malcolm Allison at English Non-League amateur club Fisher Athletic.

Players defect

BERLIN, Sept 27. (UPI): The captain of an East German soccer club and one of his teammates have defected to the West following a game in West Berlin.

Nunez detained

QUITO, Sept 27. (UPI): Paraguayan soccer international Jorge Armando Nunez has been detained by Ecuadorian police for obscene behaviour after being sent off during last Wednesday's World Cup South American Group Two qualifying match.

Amateur laws

LONDON, Sept 27. (UPI): English Rugby Football Union secretary Dudley Wood admitted Monday that the game's governing body had broken its own amateur laws over the controversial World XV tour to South Africa last month.

Mansell blames Senna for GP collision

ROME, Sept 27. (Reuter): Nigel Mansell today angrily rejected claims by Ayrton Senna that he caused their crash at the Portuguese Grand Prix and accused the Brazilian of deliberately cutting in front of him.

The Briton, banned by the International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) from next Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix for failing to obey black disqualification flags, was accused of "suicide driving" by Senna.

Fisa said today Mansell's ban would almost certainly stand despite an appeal by his team Ferrari.

Mansell, who was also fined \$50,000 for failing to obey the flags, told the Rome newspaper La Repubblica: "Senna...cut me. He saw perfectly well I was starting to overtake, he even turned his head slightly towards me."

Yesterday Senna said in a newspaper interview that Mansell deserved severe punishment for charging past him in a bid to take the racing line for a corner on the 48th lap.

The crash, which sent both

Capriati, winner of the junior French and US Opens, had been expected to make her professional debut at the Italian Open, but under a modification of WIPTC rules adopted on September 1 she will now be able to play first in her home state of Florida.

She was expected to ask for a wild card entry in March into the \$300,000 Florida Women's Championships and the International Players Championships in the same state, said John Evert of Mark McCormack's International Management Group which is advising the Capriati family.

"They made the decision to let Jennifer start her pro career in her own backyard, where she is familiar with the surroundings, instead of in Europe," said Evert, the brother of retired star Chris Evert. However, WIPTC managing director

Jane Brown denied that Capriati had been given special dispensation to turn professional before her 14th birthday, explaining that from the start of the 1990 season anyone will be able to play in tournaments in the month in which they turn 14.

Chang outlasts Reneberg

Gilbert beats Matuszewski

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept 27. (UPI): No. 2 seed and defending champion Michael Chang, 17, defeated Ritchie Reneberg, 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 last night in a first round match of the \$425,000 Volvo Tennis-San Francisco Tournament.

Third-seeded Brad Gilbert dispatched Richard Matuszewski 6-2, 6-4 in an earlier match.

Top-seeded John McEnroe, ranked 4th in the world, was forced to withdraw from the tournament after experiencing pain in his knee from an injury suffered in a tournament in August, officials said.

Chang, ranked 5th in the world, was tied at 6-all with the 75th-ranked Reneberg, 23, but forced Reneberg to hit his backhand into the alley in the tiebreaker, and then a forehand shot into the net for the set point.

Reneberg lost his serve in the ninth game of the second set before the teenager served out the match at love.

"It was a pretty tight match just a few points made a difference in the tie-breaker," Chang said. "He made two drop volleys and then I came up with great passing shot."

In the tie-breaker, Chang was up 4-1 but Reneberg closed to 5-all on a forehand volley. On the 11th point, Reneberg hit a forehand smasher to go ahead 6-5.

Chang served the next two points and took the lead at 7-6.

"I started out really slow but



Chang: stretched to the limit

Reneberg then hit the forehand shot into the net.

It was their third meeting this year, all won by Chang.

"Ritchie is a good, all-round player and has a wide variety of shots," Chang said.

Sixth-ranked Gilbert, in the first set, broke at 3-2 and 5-2 in

the first set of the 1 hour, 4-minute match.

In the second set Gilbert, with a 5-4 lead, broke Matuszewski's serve for the only time in the set to win the match. Matuszewski, ranked 53rd, won only two points in the last game.

"I started out really slow but

served really well," Gilbert said.

"It's not easy to make an adjustment from playing outside and coming indoors," he said, referring to a tournament last week in Los Angeles.

"It's tough adjustment but I'm satisfied with the way I've been hitting the ball. I've been doing a lot of sprint work and I think I'm in better shape now at 28 than when I was 23."

"When I was 23, I was making a lot of money but I didn't work as hard. Now the game is so difficult you've got to keep it at a high level."

Tournament director Barry MacKay said McEnroe withdrew after suffering pain in a knee while practising Sunday. The knee was injured at the ATP Championships in Indianapolis in August.

"Believe me, if John were healthy, he would be competing here," MacKay said. "He has always had tremendous success here."

Unseeded Lief Shiras took advantage of John Fitzgerald's inconsistent serve and groundstrokes to upset the seventh seed 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 yesterday in the opening round.

Fifth seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa outlasted Tim Wilkison 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

In other afternoon matches, Scott Davis topped David Wheaton 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, and South Africa's Pieter Aldrich dumped

Curren said he was using ice to minimise a fluid problem in his left knee.

Davis, a former collegiate star at nearby Stanford, regained his composure after losing the opening set to defeat Wheaton. In the third set, Davis went up 5-4 and then finished out of the match with a forehand smash off a service return.

"He came out pretty strong," Davis said. "I double-faulted twice in the opening set before I finally started feeling comfortable. He was really getting some big serves in, but I started pinning him back (on the baseline) with my backhand."

qualifier Robbie Weiss 3-6, 6-6, 6-1.

Fitzgerald, of Australia, never found his groove in his match. He managed to win the first set despite three double faults. In the second set, Fitzgerald went up 3-1 before collapsing and losing 6-3. In the final set, Shiras unleashed a bullet serve to complete the upset 6-1.

Curren, ranked 24th, was down 3-love to Wilkison, ranked 103rd and a wild card competitor, in the second set but came back to tie it 3-3 and force a tie-breaker.

"He's like a tiger," Curren said of Wilkison. "He's in the cage and ready to build up. But I kept my cool. I was really hitting the ball well after (falling behind) and kept match toughness."

Curren said he was using ice to minimise a fluid problem in his left knee.

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"He came out pretty strong," Davis said. "I double-faulted twice in the opening set before I finally started feeling comfortable. He was really getting some big serves in, but I started pinning him back (on the baseline) with my backhand."

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Ivan Lendl: fought back for victory

Lendl struggles past Novacek

BORDEAUX, France, Sept 27. (Reuter): Top seed Ivan Lendl scraped through the first round of the Bordeaux Tennis Grand Prix yesterday with a painfully drawn-out 7-6 (7-2) 6-7 (5-7) 6-1 win over Czech compatriot Karel Novacek.

The US Open runner-up, looking off-form and ill at ease on clay, battled for two sets to find a weak spot in Novacek's baseline game.

"Obviously, so soon after the US Open, I'm not yet used to clay, although I hope to play better than last week in Barcelona," commented Lendl, who was knocked out of the Spanish Open by 12th-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

Although committing numerous unforced errors, Lendl fought back from 3-5 down in the first set to go on to win the tie-break 7-2.

The second set was another fierce tussle, with both players holding their serves for a second tie-break which went 5-7 to Novacek.

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Witnesses have said they were arguing over the war in El Salvador," said Gehring.

Witnesses told police Ponce had a knife when the fight began, and Villatoro then got a butcher knife from the apartment kitchen. Villatoro was not injured.

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There have been open disagreements over some major projects between the conservative nationalists who run Catalonia's local government and Gonzales's socialist colleagues in power in Barcelona's city hall.

Sports installations look certain to be ready on time but there are doubts about a metro line to the Montjuich Stadium, site of the athletics and the opening and closing ceremonies, a new stretch of ring road and the building of hotels.

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Asked why he reversed into the Ferrari box in the pitlane, Mansell replied he was perfectly aware the move was an illegal one.

"But there are times...when instinct beats reason, especially if you take account of what was happening in the box when I drove in."

"There were lots more people in the box than there is normally...I drove in really fast, I had to swerve twice so as not to run anyone down. I saw confusion around me and I put the car in reverse."

"At such times, I repeat, you don't think about rules," he said.

The race was eventually won by Mansell's Ferrari team-mate, Austrian driver Gerhard Berger.

Tareq Al Alyani and Khouloud Al Alyani raise their arms in joy after finishing second in the opening round of Kuwait National Rally Championships last Friday.

The couple, in a Daihatsu Rocky, were sponsored by Mild Seven Lights.

British soccer results

LONDON, Sept 27. (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday:

English Division Two	
Barnsley	2. Wolves
Bournemouth	2. Port Vale
Portsmouth	0. West Ham
Sheffield U	2. Oldham
Stoke	2. Bradford
Swindon	2. Plymouth

England Division Three

Birmingham 2. Walsall

Bristol City 2. Shrewsbury

Bury 1. Rotherham

Cardiff 2. Northampton

Crew 2. Stevenage

Fulham 0. Middlesbrough

Leyton O 2. Bristol R

Notts County 2. Bolton

Preston 2. Blackpool

Reading 1. Chester

Wigan 1. Tranmere

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